

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 12, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

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Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

Baptisms

Preparation for parents required: See
Pastor after Mass

Marriages

By appointment at least six months in
advance

Anointing of the Sick

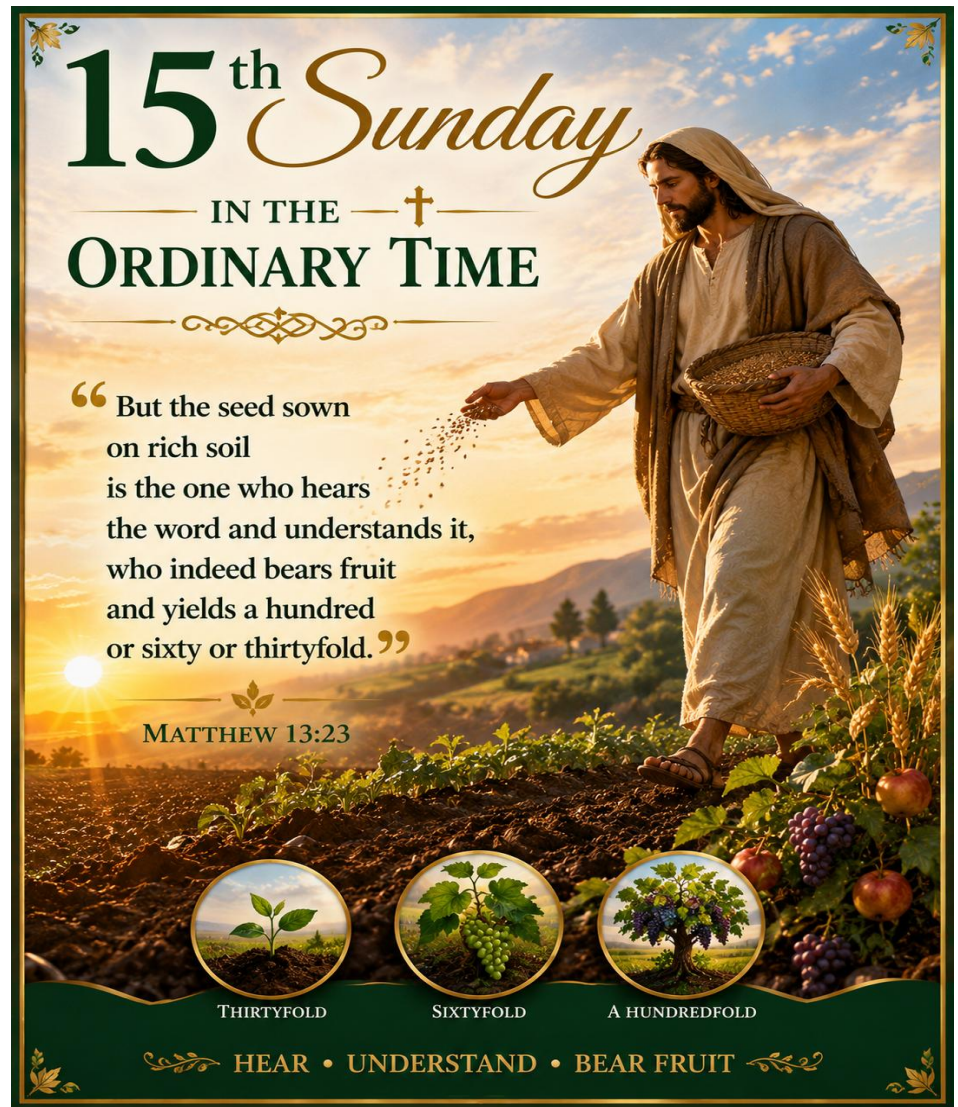
For those who are elderly, seriously ill,
or scheduled for surgery, please call the
parish office.

Office 707 987-3676

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 9:30 a.m. (English)
Our Lady of the Pines - Whispering Pines, Forest Lake Rd 11:30 a.m. (English)
St. Joseph Church - Middletown 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

15th Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Hear and Understand with a Receptive Heart -Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

From today, the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will be reading from the whole of Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse given by Jesus with the use of parables.

On this Sunday's Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:1-23), we begin with the Parable of the Sower. Many of us know this parable by heart. Jesus is the Sower, the seed is the Word of God and Jesus describes the four types of ground on which the seed falls. The story appears rather straightforward. Of course, seeds grow best in rich soil. Seeds that miss the soil, fall on rocky ground or among other plants will not grow! Even the disciples ask why Jesus speaks to the people in parables. Thus, Jesus explains His use of parables suggesting that the meanings of parables are not self-evident and require some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. Today, with the use of agricultural imagery, Jesus challenges us to reflect more deeply on the types of ground ... the condition of our hearts ... on which the seed falls. Yes, Jesus challenges us to reflect on how we receive God's Word. Do we immediately reject God's Word with hardened hearts? Do we receive it for a time but readily lose it when faced with difficulties? Do we hear God's Word but allow worldly distractions to choke it out? Or do we actively receive God's Word and cultivate it with a receptive heart that "bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold?" Perhaps, such is the great surprise of our parable: the abundant yield! Seed that is sown on rich soil does not only bear fruit, but it also yields abundantly. During the time of Jesus, a tenfold yield was considered excellent for dry farming in ancient Israel, making even the thirtyfold yield mentioned in our parable an outstanding harvest. This teaches us that when we actively receive God's Word, hear and understand it with a receptive heart, our lives will yield an abundant harvest ... a great divine blessing and spiritual fruitfulness! Like the disciples of Jesus, "who have been granted the knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven" ... let us all aim for the same, open our hearts to the Word of God and allow the Word to grow abundantly and exponentially within us and consequently share it with others!

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Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory !

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPPOINTMENT SETTING

(July 27- August 1)

Go to the Universal Church Directories website

(www.ucdir.com)

Click on the box on the right of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"

Enter your church code **ca179**

Enter your Church password **catholic1**

Click on the Enter Button

Click on the desired photography date

Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time.

Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)

Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name.

If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)

Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment

Contact your Church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment. Sandy at 707 513-3991, 707 987-3676 or stjoseph11@att.net.

***If you are having trouble scheduling your photo session for the new parish directory, please contact Sandy in the office as she has access to the schedule and will be happy to assist you.**

*please
pray for
the sick*

Please pray for the sick in our parish, our families & friends, and those who care for them... Charlotte Baker, Larry Boll, Kathleen Brune, Rick Freeman, Michael C, Corkey Cauley, Debbie Cariela, Barbara Farkas, Steve Foster, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Barbara Kaelin, Doug Kloppenburg, Joe & Mary Ann Kenny, Helen Kruljac, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, John Morris, Don Nielsen, Kathryn Nielsen, Maxine Lair, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Kate Pavelchik, Cindy Perez, Nancy Ray, Elinor Rich, Grace Q, Stefan Ripich, Maureen Rixen, Silas Schneider, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Naomi Tambornini, Leslie Thomas, Rachel Torez, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

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Once registered, you can begin exploring a wide variety of faith-enriching programs right away. Take advantage of this wonderful gift and deepen your Catholic faith.



Saturday, July 11, 5:00 p.m.

Debbie Doran (sp) Requested by the Macedo Family

Casey McCormack (sp) Requested by the Macedo Family

Sunday, July 12, 9:30 a.m.

Janis Ebert+ Requested by Doug Ebert

Lenie Trommelen-Driedijk+ Requested by the Choir

Sally Munger (sp) Requested by Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Sunday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.

All those with no one to pray for them

Requested by Ned & Sally Munger

Announcements continued...

Religious Education Classes information

July: Pre-registration for children to enroll in the religious education classes.

August: Registration for all children will take place in the classroom after 9:30 and 4:00 pm mass.

(Children must be at least age 7 or second grade) and Confirmation (Children must be age 11-17 or in grade 6-12) will take place in the classroom after mass each Sunday.

We need volunteer classroom assistants and substitutes for the Reconciliation class on Wed., First Holy Communion on Fri, and Confirmation on Sunday. You must be 18 years of age or above and fingerprinted. If you are interested, please call the office.

***Accepting Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).** The OCIA is designed for unbaptized individuals, baptized Christians from other denominations, baptized but not catechized and adults Catholics seeking confirmation. If you or if you know someone is interested in beginning this Faith journey, please contact Fr. Lawrence or Consuelo Alcalde or the parish office.

*****Our Lady of the Lake Guild would like to thank everyone that supported our fundraiser on July 4th. We had a nice turnout, and we are grateful to be part of the St. Joseph Community.**

COLLECTION – July 4 & 5

Our Lady of the Lake - \$1,074

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$2,283

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$1,201

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$454

Total Collection \$5,012

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