

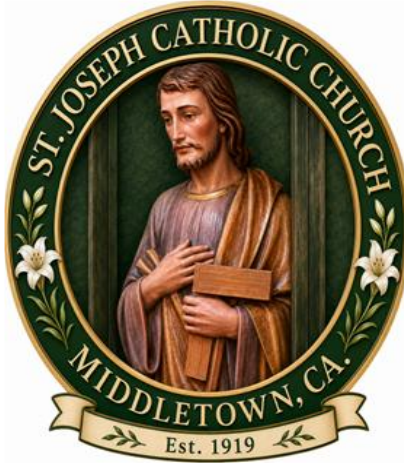
St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 19, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
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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.
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16th SUNDAY

IN THE
ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven
is like a mustard seed
that a person took and
sowed in a field.

It is the **smallest** of all
the seeds, yet when
full-grown it is the
largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush,
and the **birds of the sky**
come and dwell in
its branches.”

— Matthew 13:31-35 —

A SMALL SEED IT GROWS IT BECOMES
A PLANT A LARGE BUSH BIRDS OF THE SKY
DWELL IN ITS
BRANCHES

FAITH MAY BE SMALL,
but in God's kingdom, it can grow beyond measure.

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)

16th Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Our Journey Through the Kingdom of Heaven by -Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with Jesus' teachings using parables. Last Sunday, we heard the Parable of the Sower. In today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus narrates three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. The first of the three parables, Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat, is longer and more detailed than the next two parables. It tells the story of a man who sows good seed in his field but his enemy sows weeds through the wheat. When the crop grows and bears fruits, the weeds appear as well. The man's slaves ask if they should pull out the weeds and the man said no as they might uproot the wheat along with them. He tells them to let them grow together until harvest at which time the weeds are tied in bundles for burning while the wheat are gathered into the man's barn!

After the crowds are dismissed, the disciples ask Jesus to explain the parable to them. Jesus tells them that it is the Son of Man who sows good seed, the field is the world and the good seed are the children of the Kingdom. The enemy who sows the weeds is the devil and the weeds are the children of the evil one. Harvest time is the end of the age when the Son of Man sends His angels, the harvesters, to throw the evildoers into the fiery furnace and the righteous shine like sun in the Kingdom of the Father. Notably, Jesus again says, as He said so last Sunday, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." Thus, let us hear with open hearts, reflect and learn the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. Meanwhile, Jesus cautions us that judging the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward. The next two parables, Parable of the Mustard Seed and Parable of the Yeast, call our attention to the abundance that results from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, becomes a large bush; and a small amount of yeast leavens a whole batch of dough ... so God brings His Kingdom to full growth and expansion! May these two parables inspire us to act in faith, no matter how small!

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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 !

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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 Tomez, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

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Saturday, July 18, 5:00 p.m.

Liz Weiss(HB) Requested by Didi Manarang
Tonisa Smith (sp) Requested by Fernande Family
Ana Perry(sp) Requested by Liz Weiss

Sunday, July 19, 9:30 a.m.

Marilyn Stigers & Albert McClung(sp) Requested by Carol McClung
The Choir (in appreciation) Requested by Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Sunday, July 19, 11:30 a.m.

Didi Manarang (HB) Requested by Liz Weiss

Tuesday, July 21, 8:30 a.m.

Alma August+ Requested by Toni Vecellio

Ernie Frank+ Requested by Pamela Quiroz

Friday, July 24, 8:30 a.m.

Tonisa Smith (sp) Requested by Fernande Family

Announcements continued...

Religious Education Classes information

July: Pre-registration for children entering their 1st year (Reconciliation) will take place after mass 9:30 and 4:00 at St. Josephs. St. Joseph's looks forward to conducting a Reconciliation class depending on the number of children who have preregistered.

August: Registration for students in First Holy Communion (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.

Classes begin: Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 9; FHC on Friday, September 11; Confirmation on Sunday, September 13

We need volunteer classroom assistants and substitutes for the Reconciliation class on Wednesdays, First Holy Communion on Fridays, and Confirmation on Sundays. You must be 18 years of age or above and fingerprinted is required. 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.**

*****Coffee Social July 26 after the 9:30 a.m. mass.**

COLLECTION – July 11 & 12

Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$783

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$2,597

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$890

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$406

Peter's Pence - \$60

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