

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

August 9, 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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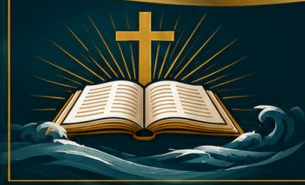
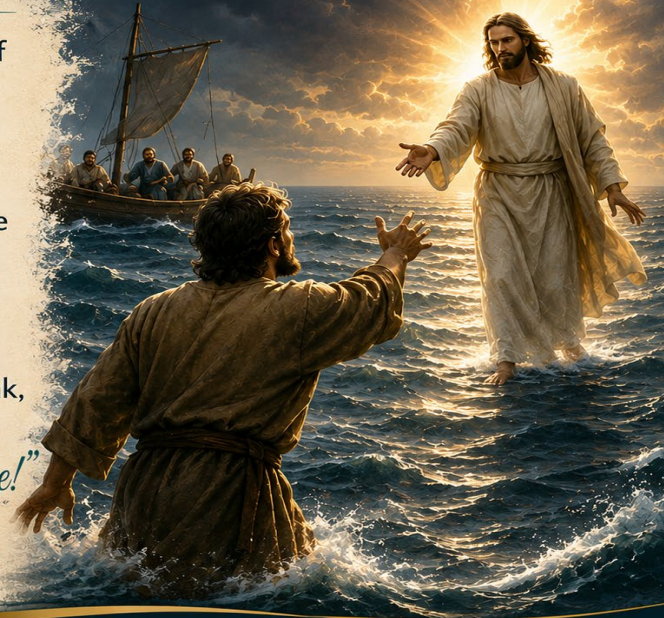
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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“
Peter got out of
the boat and
began to walk
on the water
toward Jesus.
But when he
saw the how
strong the wind
was he became
frightened; and
beginning to sink,
he cried out,
“Lord, Save me!””

Matthew 14: 28-30



WHEN LIFE'S STORMS RAGE,
Keep Your Faith in Him.

LOOK TO JESUS. CALL ON HIM. TRUST IN HIM.

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)

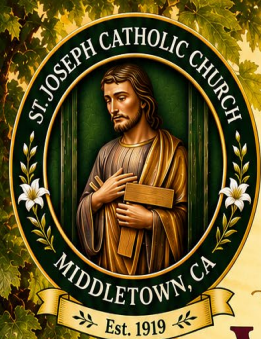
19th Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Excerpt from the Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, August 13, 2023

The Divine Invitation to Trust the Lord Who Walks Over the Powers of Fear

Behind the walking on water there is a message that is not evident, a message we need to grasp. In fact, at that time, great expanses of water were held to be the haunts of evil powers that man was not able to master. Particularly when storms made them turbulent, these abysses were symbols of chaos and recalled the darkness of the underworld. Now, the disciples found themselves in the middle of the lake when it was dark. They are afraid of sinking, of being sucked in by evil. And here comes Jesus who walks on the water, that is, over the powers of evil. He walks over the forces of evil and says to his disciples: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (v. 27). This is the message Jesus gives us. This is the meaning of the sign: the powers of evil that frighten us, that we cannot master, immediately take on smaller proportions with Jesus. By walking on the waters, He wants to say, "Do not be afraid. I put your enemies under my feet" — a beautiful message — I put your enemies under my feet — not people! — not that type of enemy, but death, sin, the devil. These are the enemies of the people, our enemies. And Jesus tramples on these enemies for us. Today, Christ repeats to each of us, "*Take heart, it is I; have no fear!*" Take heart because I am here, because you are no longer alone on the turbulent waters of life. And so, what should we do when we find ourselves on the open sea at the mercy of headwinds? What should we do when we face the fear of the open sea, when we see only darkness and we feel we are going under? We need to do two things that the disciples do in the Gospel. What do the disciples do? They *call on* and *welcome* Jesus. At the worst moments, in the darkest of storms, call on Jesus and welcome Jesus. The disciples *call on* Jesus: Peter walks a little on the waters towards Jesus but then gets frightened. He sinks and then cries out: "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). Invoke Jesus, call on Jesus. This prayer is beautiful. It expresses the certainty that the Lord can save us, that he conquers our evil and our fears. I invite you to repeat it now all together. Three times together: *Lord, save me! Lord, save me! Lord, save me!* And then the disciples *welcome*. First, they call on, then they welcome Jesus into the boat. The text says that as soon as he got into the boat, "the wind ceased" (v. 32). The Lord knows that the boat of our life, as well as the boat of the Church, is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing; rather — the Gospel emphasizes — he pushes his disciples to depart. He invites us to face difficulties so they too might become *salvific places*, so Jesus can conquer them, so they become opportunities to meet him. In fact, in our moments of darkness, he comes to meet us, asking to be welcomed like that night on the lake.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
presents
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(JOHN 10:10)

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(14-18 YEARS OLD)
IN ENGLISH
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**AUGUST 16
(SUNDAY)**
8:30AM - 5:00PM
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Registration After
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REQUIREMENTS:

- Children for **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).
- Please bring a copy of the child's **baptism Certificate**
- If your child was baptized at St. Joseph, a copy may be requested from the parish Office.



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

	Reconciliation	on Wednesday, September 9	@ 4:30-5:45pm
	First Holy Communion	on Friday, September 11	@ 4:00-5:45pm
	Confirmation	on Sunday, September 13	@ 2:30-3:50pm



for Additional information please call
Pamela Quiroz (Religious Education Directress)
(707) 344-7659

*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.

For the St. Joseph Parishioners, sign up to FORMED.ORG by Scanning the QR Cod



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**ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN
INITIATION
OF
ADULTS
(OCIA)**

OCIA – The process through which Adults are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The OCIA is designed for

- unbaptized individuals,
- baptized Christians from other denominations,
- baptized but not catechized and adults
- Catholics seeking confirmation.

**BEGINNING OF CLASSES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
@ 5:00PM
AT ST. JOSEPH CLASSROOM**

If you, or if you know someone who is interested in beginning this Faith journey,
please contact
the parish office

707 987-3676
Email: stjoseph11@att.net
or
Consuelo Alcalde
OCIA Coordinator
(612) 500 8115

A Journey of Faith. A Lifetime of Grace.
COME AND SEE. FOLLOW HIM. BECOME HIS.



Saturday, August 8, 5:00 p.m.

The Cline Family Requested by Skylar Rodella

Sunday, August 9, 9:30 a.m.

August & Vecellio Families Requested by Toni Vecellio

Ed Brune+ By Kathleen Brune & /Susan Salmina

Lourdes Borzoni+ Requested by the Borzoni Family

Wednesday, August 12, 8:30 a.m.

Rose Guevarra+ By Deacon Ruben & Almia de los Santos

Thursday, August 13, 8:30 a.m.

Gene Walker+ Requested by Toni Vecellio

Friday, August 14, 8:30 a.m.

Gloria Frank+ Requested by Pam Quiroz

...beginning soon, mass intentions will be limited to one per mass.

Announcements continued...

*****Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 14 (Friday) @ 6:30pm in Spanish and August 15 (Saturday) @ 12:30pm in English.**

*****Training for New Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Server is on August 22 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.**

*****As of July 31, \$12,840 of our AMA 2026 pledges have been received. As of August 1, \$440 will be returned to our parish. Paying your pledges on time will increase the \$ returned to our parish.**

*****The Lake County Passion Play invites you to An Evening under the Whispering Pines, a fundraiser event. Saturday, Sept 12, 2026 at Chateau Grenouille on Cobb. Enjoy a Smoked NY Strip Roast dinner, local wine, Auctions, music and dancing. Please contact Lisa Lambert at 707-245-7281 or lambert.lisa69@gmail.com for tickets and info. Pre-sale tickets only, \$80 each or table of 8 for \$600.**

+++++TICKETS AVAILABLE+++++

**FEAST IN THE VINEYARD- SEPTEMBER 19TH
\$50 for Adult and 10 for Children**

COLLECTION – August 1 & 2

Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$1,199

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$3,726

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$530

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$378

Total Collection \$5,833

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