

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

August 30, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
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Debbie Heidary-Newsletter/Website

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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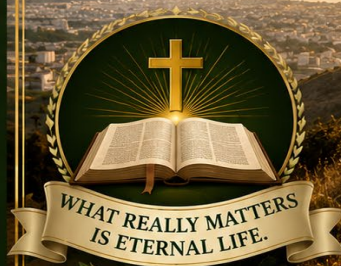
Fax: 707 987-2792

Emergency # 707 513-3991

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For what does it profit
a man if he gains the
whole world but forfeits
his life? Or what can a
man give in exchange
for his life?”

— Matthew 16:26 —



— SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. —

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)

22nd Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Excerpt from the Homily, by Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey to Mongolia, September 3, 2023

Love Alone Truly Quenches Our Thirst

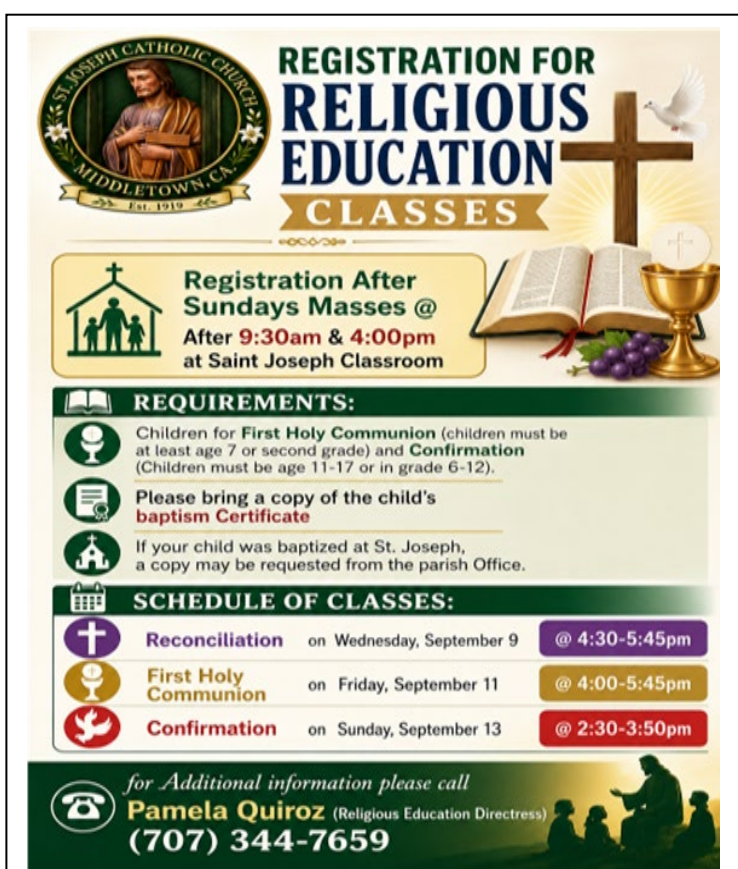
That is precisely what Jesus tells the Apostle Peter in today's Gospel. Peter cannot accept the fact that Jesus must suffer, be charged by the leaders of the people, undergo his passion and then die on the Cross. Peter reacts, he protests, he tries to convince Jesus that he is wrong, because, in Peter's mind—and we too often have the same idea—the Messiah cannot possibly end in failure, dying on a cross like a criminal forsaken by God. The Lord then rebukes Peter because he thinks “as the world does,” and not as God does (cf. Mt 16:21-23). If we think that success, power, or material things suffice to satisfy the thirst in our lives, then we are thinking as the world does. That kind of worldliness leads nowhere; indeed, it leaves us thirstier than before. Jesus instead shows us the way: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it” (Mt 16:24-25).

This, dear brothers and sisters, is surely the best way: to embrace the Cross of Christ. At the heart of Christianity is an amazing and extraordinary message. If you lose your life, if you make it a generous offering in service, if you risk it by choosing to love, if you make it a free gift for others, then it will return to you in abundance, and you will be overwhelmed by endless joy, peace of heart, and inner strength and support; and we need inner peace.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Registration After
Sundays Masses @
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at Saint Joseph Classroom
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

Religious Education Class Notice

This Sunday, August 30th is the last day to register your child for religious education class.

First year First Holy Communion class is at capacity. There are only a few available seats left.

If this is your child's second year of religious education, you still need to register for class.

Registration will take place in the classroom after 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. mass.

Cost is \$150.00 for first child, \$200.00 for siblings, \$250.00 for three or more.

For more information, please contact Pamela Quiroz (707-344-7659) or ask for Jasmin Blancas

*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, Marjean Evans, Barbara Farkas, Steve Foster, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Lou Horvath 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, Joseph Nelligan, 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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**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
or
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.



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

Janice Ebert+ Requested by Doug Ebert

Sunday, August 30, 11:30 a.m.

Sam & Una DeBone++ Requested by Ned & Sally Munger

Tuesday, September 1, 8:30 a.m.

Damian & Quinn Lagle (HB) Requested by Diedra Lagle

Wednesday, September 2, 8:30 a.m.

Norma Ponce+ Requested by Jane & Nyl Brigole

Note: Beginning September 1 there will only be one Mass Intention per Mass. Submit your intentions early.

Announcements continued...

**** Effective the first Sunday following Labor Day Weekend, Our Lady of the Pines outdoor Mass will close for the winter and the 11:30 a.m. Mass will revert to Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph. In addition, the Mass at Our Lady of the Lake will revert to 4:00 p.m. from 5:00 p.m.**

*****VOLUNTEERS** needed to help clean St. Joseph Church every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. For information call Lynn Thacher 707 890-0793.

***** Silent Dessert Auction for the Feast in the Vineyard:**

Please consider donating a dessert for our Silent Dessert Auction at the Feast in the Vineyard. Sign up by writing your name and the dessert item you would like to bring. We encourage everyone to participate and share their favorite homemade desserts. Thank you for your generosity and support!

*****Most Holy Rosary Before Mass:**

We encourage our parishioners to come 20 minutes before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays to join us in praying the Most Holy Rosary.

*****Grotto Garden Project:**

We originally expected to pay \$10,000 for the Grotto Garden Project and remodeling. However, Alex Moya of Rancho Supply generously offered to provide the materials for only \$4,000. We are truly grateful for his generosity and generous discount on the materials. So far, we have received \$1,200 in donations toward the Grotto Garden Project. Please consider making a donation to St. Joseph or Servidores de Maria to help us complete this project. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and support!

COLLECTION – August 22 & 23

Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$737

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$2,238

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$610

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$273

Total Collection \$3,858

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