

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

September 13, 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.

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Parish Office Hours:

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

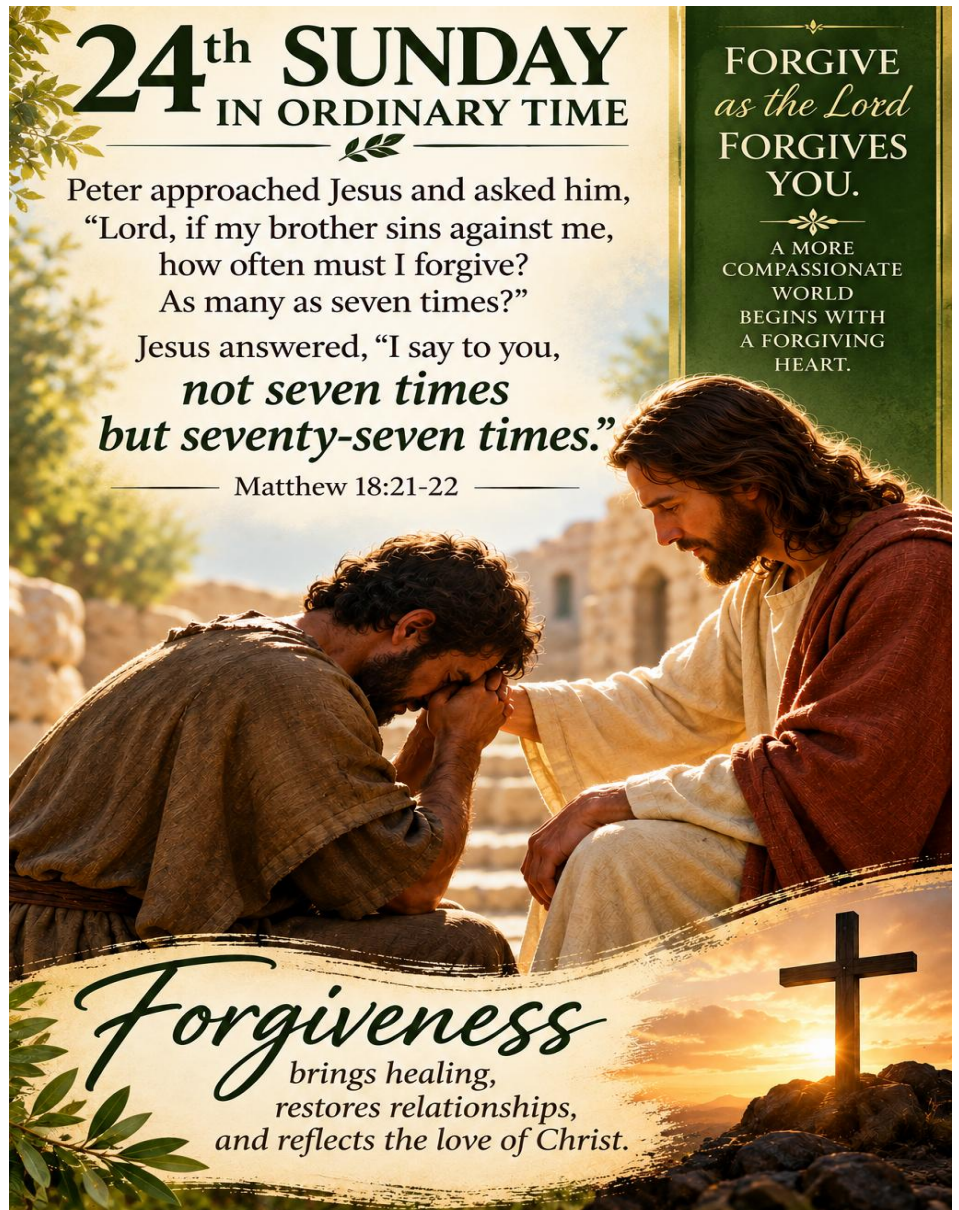
Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
“Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I say to you,
**not seven times
but seventy-seven times.”**

Matthew 18:21-22

**FORGIVE
as the Lord
FORGIVES
YOU.**

A MORE
COMPASSIONATE
WORLD
BEGINS WITH
A FORGIVING
HEART.



*Forgiveness
brings healing,
restores relationships,
and reflects the love of Christ.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 9:30 a.m. (English)

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 11:30 a.m. (English)

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Mass Schedule

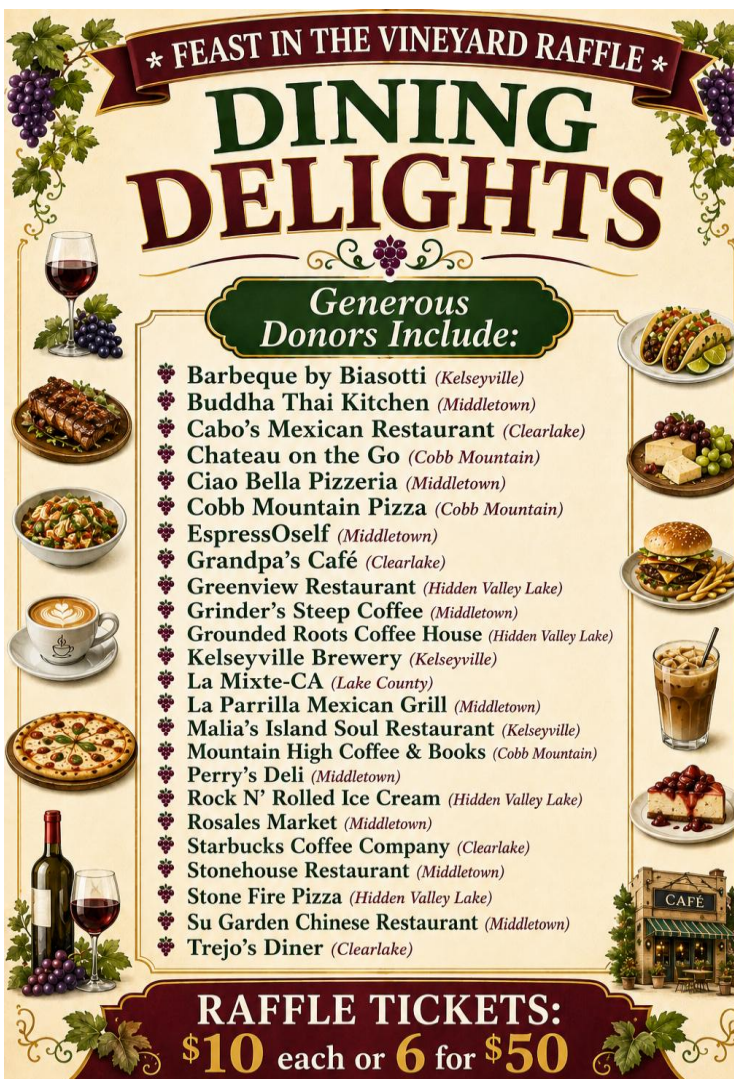
Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Forgive as God Does! by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Last week, Jesus taught on how to handle disputes and conflicts within the Christian community, with the primary objective of winning back into the community any erring brother or sister. On this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God forgives us. Today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:21-35), starts with Peter asking Jesus how many times he must forgive an erring brother, proposing what he thinks as a reasonable number of 7 times. Jesus answers not 7 times, but 77 times, an enormously bigger number. Jesus' answer clearly implies that forgiveness should have no boundary or limit! Jesus continues with the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Many of us know the facts of the Parable. A king decides to settle accounts with his servants. One servant in particular owes the king a huge sum of money. Unable to pay the debt, he is ordered to be sold, along with his family and properties that the debt may be paid for. The servant pleads with compassion and humility, and the king mercifully forgives the debt. Then the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt, nothing compared to the amount he owed the king. He refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison until he pays the debt. The king finds out what happened and punishes the unforgiving servant for refusing to show the kind of mercy he received! As parables make us reflect more deeply on the lesson being conveyed, so does the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's mercy and forgiveness. That is, God's mercy must transform us and help us to be as merciful as Him. We are not to hoard God's mercy. If we do and give no mercy to others, we forfeit the effects of God's mercy in our lives. Another point for reflection is Jesus' concluding statement, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Jesus warns us that God expects the forgiveness we give to be sincere and heartfelt! True forgiveness goes deeper than polite words. It calls us to let go of bitterness, anger and the desire for revenge. Let us all heed the call and stop holding onto bitterness and grudges against others ... and not negate our own standing with God for wiping away our massive spiritual debt!

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*** FEAST IN THE VINEYARD RAFFLE ***

DINING DELIGHTS

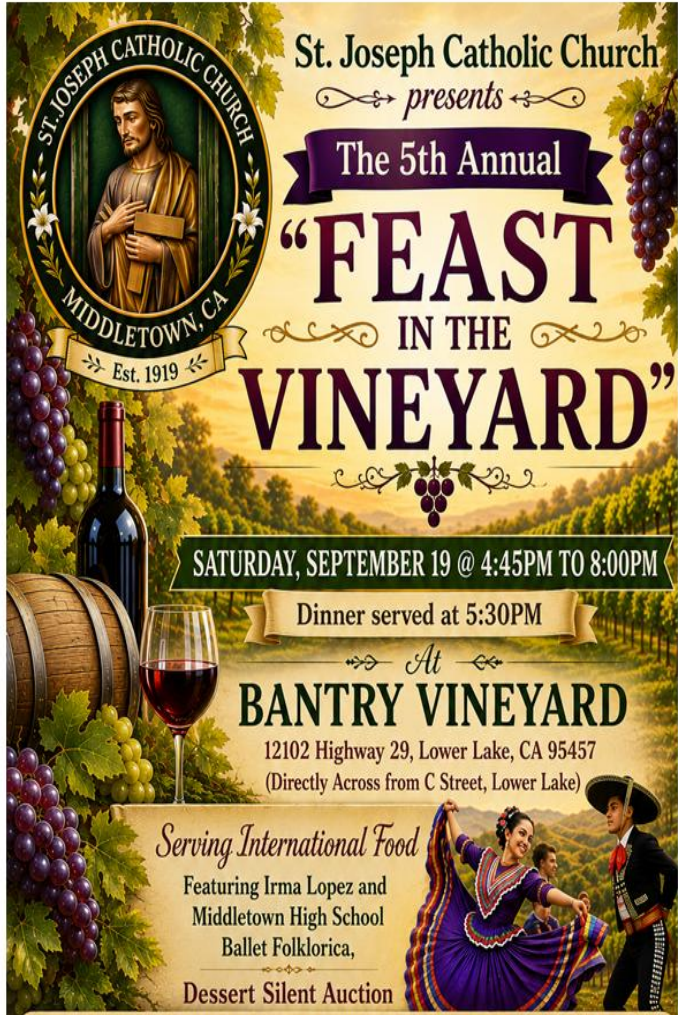
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- Grounded Roots Coffee House (Hidden Valley Lake)
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- La Parrilla Mexican Grill (Middletown)
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- Mountain High Coffee & Books (Cobb Mountain)
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- Starbucks Coffee Company (Clearlake)
- Stonehouse Restaurant (Middletown)
- Stone Fire Pizza (Hidden Valley Lake)
- Su Garden Chinese Restaurant (Middletown)
- Trejo's Diner (Clearlake)

RAFFLE TICKETS:
\$10 each or 6 for \$50

JUMPING HOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AT THE FEAST IN THE VINEYARD FUNDRAISER.....

*****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!



St. Joseph Catholic Church
presents
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"FEAST IN THE VINEYARD"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 4:45PM TO 8:00PM
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*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, Pat Lambert, 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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*** We are pleased to announce that **Sandra “Sandy” Hood** has been nominated by Fr. Lawrence as **St. Joseph Parish, Middletown’s nominee for the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s Women of the Year 2026 Award.** The celebration and awards ceremony will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2026, at St. Francis Solano Catholic Church in Sonoma.**
The schedule will begin with:
9:30 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:30am- Rosary in the Church
11:00 a.m. – Holy Mass celebrated by **Bishop Robert Vasa Luncheon , Presentation of the Women of the Year Awards and Prize Drawings**

The cost of the luncheon is **\$35.00 per person.**

We invite the women of our parish and anyone who would like to support Sandy to join us for this special celebration.

Reservation forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete your form and return it to Fr. Lawrence **no later than October 1.**

Let us come together as a parish family to celebrate and support Sandy and give thanks for her many years of faithful service and dedication to our parish and the Church.



Sunday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.

Our deep gratitude for Christs true presence in the Eucharist

Sunday, September 13, 11:30 a.m.

Charlie Kirk+ Requested by Carlson Family

Wednesday, September 16, 8:30 a.m.

Doning & Nieves Panlasigui++ Requested by Didi Manarang

Friday, September 18, 8:30 a.m.

Stephen Vecellio+ Requested by Toni Vecellio

Note: There will only be one Mass Intention per Mass.
Submit your intentions early.

Announcements continued...

***Please be informed that **Fr. Lawrence will be out of the country for approximately one month** to complete the necessary process for his **H-1B visa stamping.** Fr. Lawrence will leave on **Friday, October 2, 2026,** and God willing, plans to return on **Saturday, October 31, 2026.** Please keep him in your prayers during his travels and visa process. We pray for a safe journey and a successful completion of all the necessary requirements. Fr. Lawrence is grateful for your understanding, prayers, and continued support during his absence.

*** **JOIN! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS! SEPTEMBER 26 AT CARDINAL NEUMAN HIGH SCHOOL.**

Schedule

8:00 - 8:45 Registration

9:00 Mass - Chapel

English:

10:15 - Session I: Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, OP

11:30 - Session II: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - Session III: Paul Senz

2:45 - Session IV: Fr. Robert McTeigue SJ

Spanish

10:15 - Session I: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

11:30 - Session II: Dominic Figueroa

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - Session III: Crisarlin Vázquez

2:45 - Session IV: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

To Register, please **SCAN THE QR CODE** in the flier at the back of the Church.

COLLECTION – September 5 & 6

Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$833

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$4,068

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$1,128

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$473

Total Collection \$6,502

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