

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond*

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

September 6, 2026

707 987-3676



#### **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor  
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

Pam Quiroz - Rel Ed Director  
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.  
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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“ Jesus said to his disciples:  
“If your brother  
sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault  
between you and him alone.  
If he listens to you,  
you have won over  
your brother.” ”

— Mt. 18:15 —



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### **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)

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

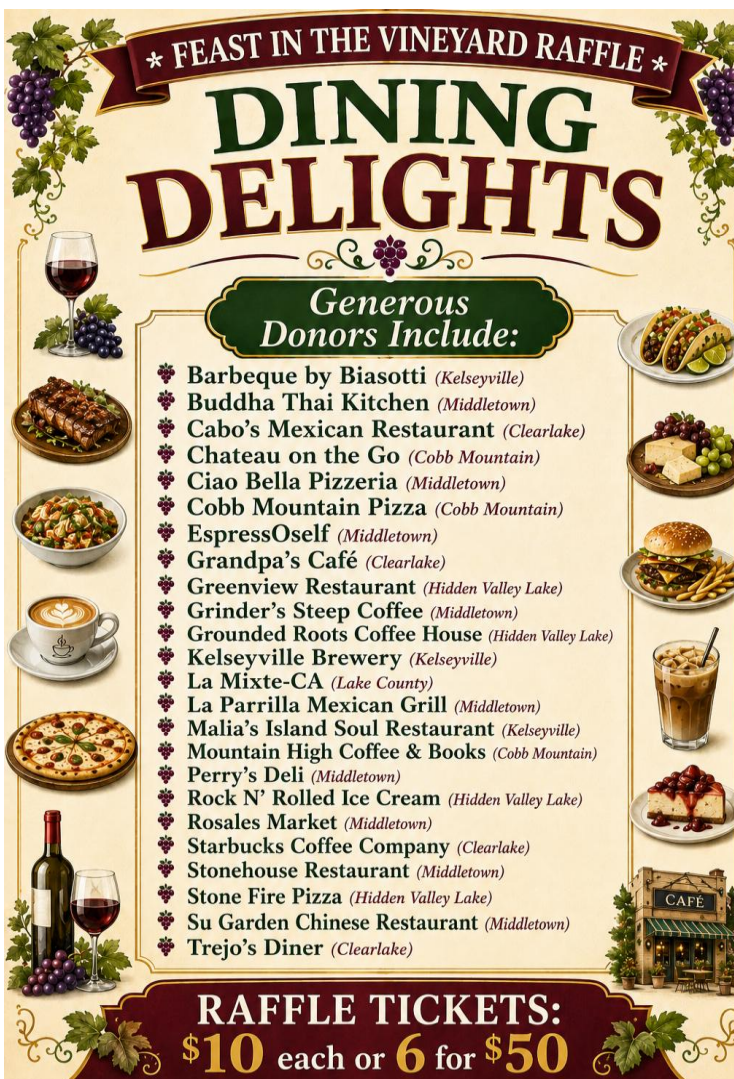
7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *A Jesus' Path of Reconciliation by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza*

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15-20) is taken from Matthew's Gospel which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "Church order discourse" where Jesus speaks about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's Gospel Reading, we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word Church in Matthew's Gospel. It addresses how to resolve a dispute between two members of the Church, a common occurrence in the Christian community not only then, but also until now! Jesus states that the victim should first resolve the dispute directly with the offender, without outside involvement. If it fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses that facts may be established on their testimony. If the dispute is still unresolved, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the Church. If the offender also refuses to listen to the Church, Jesus says, "then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector." Further reflection on Jesus' use of "Gentile or tax collector" tells us that Jesus does not intend permanent removal but a form of discipline to help the person realize a wrongdoing and return. While Gentiles and tax collectors were viewed as outsiders and sinners, we also know that Jesus showed love and hospitality to them, even calling a tax collector to be His disciple. That is, any expulsion from the community should be a temporary separation pending successful reconciliation. Yes, Jesus acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and teaches His disciples, and us, too, a means for addressing such matters ... with the primary purpose of helping the one who is erring to get back to the full union with each person in the community of believers, the Church! It is in the conclusion to this teaching that we find the message of hope ... Jesus' promise of prayer and presence. Jesus states, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." This tells us that decisions made in shared prayer by the community are assured of God's assistance. Moreover, Jesus states, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This reminds us that Jesus actively dwells in our daily fellowships and conflicts ... guiding our efforts to seek the truth and reconciliation. May we put all these to heart as each one of us is called to help bring a wayward brother or sister back to the fold!

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# \* FEAST IN THE VINEYARD RAFFLE \*

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- ✦ Trejo's Diner (Clearlake)

## RAFFLE TICKETS:

## \$10 each or 6 for \$50

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**\*\*\*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!



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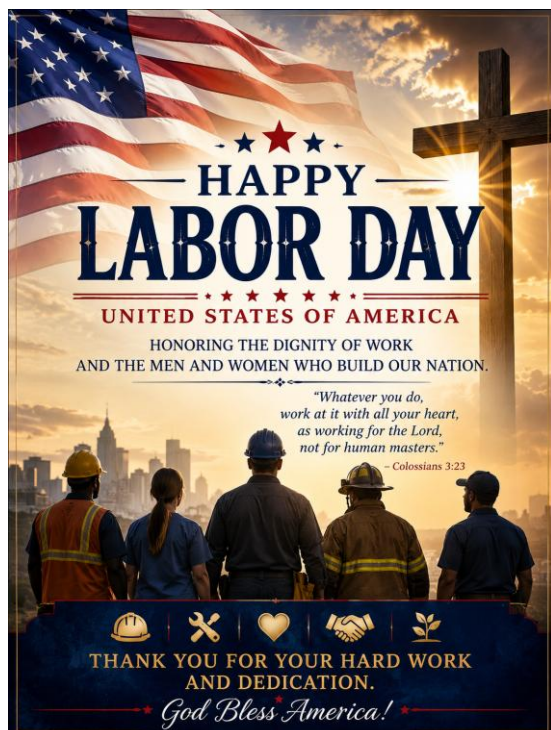


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**Sunday, September 6, 9:30 a.m.**

**CDR Red Mulvaney, USN+** By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

**Sunday, September 6, 11:30 a.m.**

**Louie Marenco+** Requested by Sandy Hood

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

**Dana Joy(HB)** Requested by Fernande Family

**Friday, September 11, 8:30 a.m.**

**Arturo Hermogeno+** By: Deacon Ruben & Almia De Los Santos

**Note:** There will only be one Mass Intention per Mass.

**Submit your intentions early.**

### **Announcements continued...**

\*\*\*This weekend we close Our Lady of the Pines Outdoor Mass. Next week, we revert the Mass to St. Joseph at 11:30 a.m. 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.

### **\*\*\*Registration for Religious Education classes has closed.**

**Please note:** A parent meeting will be held the first class-meeting. If you have register Bring your child with you so that you and your child attend the first class meeting together and meet with Father Lawrence and the teachers.

### **\*\*\*Schedule of classes:**

Reconciliation begins- Wed. September 9 @ 4:30-5:30

First Communion -begins Fri September 11 @ 4:00-5:45

Confirmation begins -Sunday September 13 @ 2:30 to 3:50

If this is your child's second year and you have not registered, please contact: Pamela Quiroz, Dir. Religious Education-[707-344-7659](tel:707-344-7659).

\*\*\*OCIA Class begins on Thursday, September 10 at 5pm.

### **COLLECTION – August 29 & 30**

**Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$750**

**St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1,531**

**Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$552**

**St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$462**

**Total Collection \$3,295**

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