

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

October 11, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

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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
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Office 707 987-3676

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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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)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wedding Feast: Accepting God's Invitation by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

After reflecting on our call to work in the vineyard of the Lord, today's Gospel gives us another beautiful image of God's love: a wedding feast. God invites us not simply to receive His blessings, but to enter into a deep and eternal relationship with Him. Isaiah describes this invitation as a magnificent banquet of rich food and choice wines, where God will wipe away every tear and even destroy death forever. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that this feast is like a wedding celebration, and we are invited to share in the joy of the King. Yet the parable also reminds us that we can become so busy with our own concerns that we ignore God's invitation. Sometimes we say, "I will pray tomorrow," "I will go to Confession later," or "I will make time for God when things slow down." But tomorrow often never comes. God continually calls us, patiently and lovingly, but we must choose to respond.

The Gospel also speaks about the wedding garment. The man who entered the feast without the proper garment represents someone who accepts the invitation but refuses to allow God to transform his life. St. Paul tells us what we are called to "put on": compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and above all, love. In other words, we are called to put on Christ and allow our hearts to become more like His Heart. God does not invite us because we are perfect or because we have earned His invitation. He invites everyone—"good and bad alike"—because His love and mercy are freely given. But once we accept His invitation, we must cooperate with His grace and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us. Today, let us pray for the grace to recognize how precious God's invitation truly is. May we not postpone our response, but open our hearts to Him today, so that we may enter the joy of His heavenly banquet clothed in the love of Christ.

SCHEDULE OF OCTOBER MASSES

October 17 (Saturday) OLOL 4:00pm- Fr. Alvin Villaruel

October 18 (Sunday) SJ 9:30am-Fr. Alvin Villaruel

October 18 (Sunday) SJ 11:30- Fr. Alvin Villaruel

October 18 (Sunday) SJ 4:00pm- Fr. Alvin Villaruel

October 24 (Saturday) OLOL 4:00pm

October 25 (Sunday) SJ 9:30am-Fr. Rowell Gumalay

October 25 (Sunday) SJ 11:30am- Fr. Rowell Gumalay

October 25 (Sunday) SJ 4:00pm- Fr. Rowell Gumalay

The Church will be open Tuesday through Friday for Prayer and the Rosary at 9:00 a.m. each day

and

On Friday at 9:00 a.m. for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Ruben De los Santos

and

On Friday at 6:30 p.m. for Spanish Prayers and the Rosary

Announcements

****Don't run off after mass at St. Joseph this weekend. Stay to enjoy the Pizza Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus. \$6 for pizza and soda or water.**

****The latest report from AMA2026 is as follows: Our Goal \$12,400, the pledges \$16,520, Parish Rebate as of 9/30/26 \$1630. If all pledges are paid, our Rebate could be over \$4,000. Thank you for your generosity.**

****This weekend is the National Bishop Collection for World Mission Sunday. Envelopes for this collection are located on the table in the entrance to both churches.**

****All Souls Envelopes are also available on the tables at the entrance of both churches.**



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING CANDIES AND CHOCOLATES FOR THE EVENT. Thank 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, 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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***** Congratulations to Sandra "Sandy" Hood** our parish Office Manager of St. Joseph Parish, Middletown, for the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Women of the Year 2026 Awardee.



Saturday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

Francine & Adam Freeland(sp) Requested by the Weiss Family

Sunday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.

Margaret Schaff+ Requested by Jane Cauley

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

Al & Gloria Gracheff++ Requested by Ned & Sally Munger

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

Announcements continued...

******* Please be informed that Fr. Lawrence is currently out of the country for approximately one month to complete the necessary process for his H-1B visa stamping. 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 the successful completion of all the necessary requirements. Fr. Lawrence is grateful for your understanding, prayers, and continued support during his absence.

******* Please consider donating flowers, kindly bring the Flowers to the Church by Friday and Laura, Ruben and Angelita will make the arrangement of flowers.

*****OCTOBER MASS COUNT**

The Diocese of Santa Rosa has asked all parishes to conduct a Mass Count throughout the entire month of October. During this time, we will be counting the number of adults and children who attend Mass at our parish and mission communities. We need your help! Please make every effort to attend Mass faithfully throughout the month of October and invite your family members and friends to join us! Your presence matters, and every person who comes to worship with us is an important part of our parish family.

COLLECTION – October 3 & 4
Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 p.m. - \$861
St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$2197
St. Joseph 11:30 a.m. - \$354
St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$414
Total Collection \$3826

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