

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

<u>ADORATION</u>	<u>HOLY MASS</u>		<u>CONFESSION</u>
<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Daily Adoration Chapel Open 8AM-8PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM Benediction 6:45PM</p>	<p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p><u>Daily Mass (9AM)</u> Tuesday Thursday Saturday</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 5:15PM Sunday 7:00AM 10:45AM</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p><u>Daily Mass</u> Monday (Eng) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) 7PM (Eng)</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Wednesdays 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:30PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p>

DECEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Michael's and St. Joseph's in the North End of the city of Fall River are two parishes that have come together to share our resources to effectively accomplish our common mission—to preach, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for His glory and the salvation of souls. If you are visiting or are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Jay. Please know how welcome you are here. God bless

PARISH STAFF

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MARY WICK SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

On Sunday, December 11th, the Parish and School will host a Luncheon to benefit the Mary Wick Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Wick had a large part in organizing the annual Christmas Nativity that was held at this Christmas luncheon in the past. The luncheon begins at 1PM and tickets include buffet, with soup, salad, cod fish, chicken, potatoes, rice, coffee and dessert. After lunch, there will be a Live Nativity scene with students from our school, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please call the parish or school office for tickets.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

During December, in both the collection envelope mailings as well as in the back of the church, you will find Christmas Memorial envelopes. With these envelopes, your donation is asked as an offering for flowers to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one. The list with all the names of those remembered will be published on Christmas Day. We thank you for your generosity.

NOVEMBER MASS COUNT RESULTS

For the purposes of Pastoral Planning (the restructuring of the diocese in terms of the number of parishes) the diocese does an annual Mass count during the month of November, as it is important for the bishop as he makes decisions about the future of the diocese and our parishes. This year, at St. Michael's our average weekend attendance was 773 and at St. Joseph's, our number was 623. Last year, the Mass count totals were 746 at St. Michael's and 540 at St. Joseph's.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Saint Michael's (SM) and St. Joseph's (SJ)

- December 5th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)
- PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)
- Confirmation Grade 9, 7PM (SM)
- December 6th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions,
6-7PM (SJ)
- December 7th - NO Rel. Ed Class, Students to
attend 6:30PM Mass
- December 9th - Jr. Youth Group, 7PM (SM)
- December 11th - Mary Wick Luncheon, 1PM (SM)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Masses are scheduled as follows.

St. Joseph Church - December 7th 6:30PM
December 8th - 9AM

St. Michael Church - December 8th 10AM - School
5PM - Port.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A special Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries, including the first year. This celebration will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 3PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to obtain an invitation.

GIFT OF GIVING 2022

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fall River is pleased to announce that the Annual Gift of Giving Program will continue this year. Due to the success of last year's approach, we will offer the same program again this year. We are asking you to consider donating a gift card in any denomination, and recommend Walmart, Target and Amazon, as these offer free delivery. Your donation will provide gift cards to those families in the program. The deadline for gift cards is Sunday December 11, 2022, this will ensure that families receive the gift cards well before Christmas.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH GROUP

Junior Youth Group Christmas Party
Friday, December 9th 7PM at St. Michael's

High School Youth Christmas Party -
Friday, December 16th 7PM at St. Michael's

CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR REHEARSALS

If you would like to sing in the choir for our Christmas Masses, rehearsals will be as follows:

4PM Mass - Thursdays at 6:45PM (SJ)

Midnight Mass (bilingual) Thursdays, 5:30PM (SM)

Rehearsals will begin first week of December

St. Joseph Parish

150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet



Containing images and details about the beautiful stained glass windows in our church, available now!
\$20 each

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The holy season of Advent is the period of four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This season is meant to prepare us and to help us reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, of which there are three. Christians use the four Sundays of Advent to remember the first coming of Christ, the real meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord. The second coming of Christ happens at each Mass when our Lord becomes present to us on the altar in the Eucharist. The third coming of Christ will happen at the end of time when Christ returns in glory. During this Holy Season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for Christ coming into our lives by tending to our spiritual lives and our relationship with him. Let us welcome him with great joy.

LITANY TO THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

During the Advent Season, instead of the entrance antiphon being sung before Mass, we will be praying the Litany to the Most Blessed Sacrament. As Jesus took flesh on Christmas morning, so to He truly becomes present to us in the Eucharist at every Mass.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. We will have confessions heard Wednesday, December 14th from 6:30-7:30PM. Our regular confession schedule is Tuesday from 6-7PM and Saturday from 9:30-0:30AM at St. Joseph's, and from 5-5:30PM on Wednesday 3-3:30PM on Saturday at St. Michael's Church. Confession guides and Examination of Conscience guides are available on the parish websites.

GIVING TREE

This Advent, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our Church to drop off a gift card of any denomination for Walmart, Target or Amazon to help a family in need. Please return all gift cards no later than December 11th. No toys or other gifts will be expected this year, only gift cards please.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are in need of assistance during the holiday season and winter months, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jay directly. Our parishes have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society that works those in need.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In preparation for our 150th Anniversary at St. Joseph's, we have begun some restoration work on the exterior of both our church and our parish office building. We are now half way through a capital campaign to raise \$250,000. It is also a wonderful opportunity to memorialize our loved ones. A memorial plaque will be dedicated at the end of the campaign to honor all major benefactors. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$162,010.

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Websites: www.smpfr.org
www.stjosephschurchfr.com
www.smsfr.org

Fr. Jay's Blog: fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

EMAILS FROM FR. JAY

Each Friday, Fr. Jay sends an email to parishioners with articles, videos and parish news. Stay connected to our parishes and sign up to receive communications via email. To join online, visit our website or fill out a form at the entrance of the church and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. MICHAEL'S**

November 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$4,598.00
Human Development: \$ 850.00

November 26-27, 2022

First Collection: \$3,626.00
Church Maintenance: \$1,197.00

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church

Daily Adoration Chapel -
Daily from 8AM-8PM

St. Joseph's Church

Eucharistic Holy Hour with Confessions
Tuesday - 6-7PM

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S**

November 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$3,137.00
Human Development: \$ 452.00

November 26-27, 2022

First Collection: \$2,377.00
Church Maintenance: \$1,037.00

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. Please let your family and friends with young children know about our Parish School. Space is limited and spots are filled in a first come, first served basis. If you would like to have your child registered at St. Michael School, please call the school office as soon as possible as spots fill quickly.

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Visit smile.amazon.com and be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA as your selected charity. Everytime you make a purchase on Amazon, start at [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School.

SAVE THE DATE - WINE TASTING

Save the date of Saturday, February 4th for the 11th Annual St. Michael School Wine Tasting fundraiser. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this event.



Religious Education News

Confirmation Class, Grade 9

Monday, December 5th - 7-9PM

St. Michael's Hall

Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 7th - No Class

Holy Day Mass, 6:30PM - St. Joseph's

Confirmation Class, Grade 8

Monday, December 12th - 7-9PM

St. Michael's Hall

Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 14th - 6:15-7:35PM

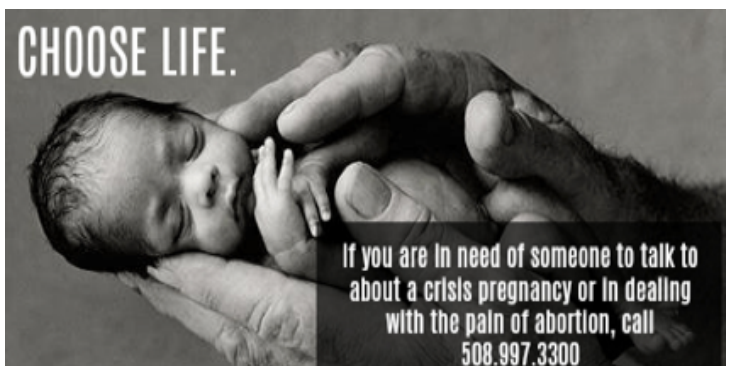
St. Joseph's Hall

For more information about Religious Education Grades 1-7, contact Lisa Ouellette at 508.567.3638.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please contact Ana Lucy Mello at 508.494.3916.

PROJECT RACHEL FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS

The Family and Respect Life Office of Diocese of Fall River offers support for expecting mothers, mothers considering adoption and mothers healing from the trauma of abortion. If you would like more information, contact their office at 508.669.7702 or visit their website at www.familyrespectlife.org



Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, December 6th - St. Nicholas

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira and family

Thursday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

9:00AM - Jose C. and Lydia Oliveira

Saturday, December 10th

9:00AM - Jose Matos Frias

Saturday, December 10th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Nicholas Tyrrell

Sunday, December 11th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Rev. Paul McCarrick, Evelyn Worsley, John and Gertrude Lawrence, Edward Gosselin, For the People of our Parish

10:45AM - Mary St. Laurent

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, December 5th

9:00AM - Francisco, Gilda & Domingos Medeiros

Wednesday, December 7th - St. Ambrose

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

Friday, December 9th - St. Juan Diego

9:00AM - Abel Matias

Saturday, December 10th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Silvino Estrela

Sunday, December 11th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Francisco Carvalho

12:00PM - Moises Barbosa, Ernesto Tavares, Moises & Deolinda Camara, Jose Matos Frias, Alvaro & Palmira Luciana Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Joao & Germana Medeiros, John DaSilva, Agostinho e Maria Paixao Tavares, Maria da Gloria Melo, Beatriz Oliveira, Eugenia daLuz, Octavio Raposo, Teodora Pereira, John D. Carvalho e familia, Hermano Teves, Maria de Jesus Aguiar, Maria de Espirito Santo, Maria Eugenia, Abel, Marcolino Teves, Adelino Brilhante, Mary Rivest, Jezuina & Jose Paulos, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Mariano e Antonina Sousa e familia, Joao Oliveira, Intencoes da esposa, Int. Felisberto Medeiros

7:00PM - Rev. Francisco Flores, All Souls

MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES

To book a Mass, or have the candles in our sanctuary or Blessed Sacrament Chapel lit in memory or for the intentions of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The Mass book for January through June 2023 is now open.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Lacombe, Ulrick & Mertilia Gaston

St. Michael's - Mateus Lubold

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Gus & Pat Gonsalves

ENSAIOS DO CORO DE NATAL

Se gostava de cantar no coro de Natal, os ensaios começara no dia 1 de Dezembro.

S. Jose - Missa das 4PM - ensaio as 6:45PM

S. Miguel, Missa da Meia Noite - ensaio as 5:30PM

JANTAR DA BOLSA MARY WICK

No Domingo, 11 de Dezembro, a Paróquia e a Escola realizarão um jantar em benefício do Fundo de Bolsas Mary Wick. A Sra. Wick teve um papel importante na organização da Natividade de Natal anual que foi realizada neste jantar de Natal no passado. O almoço começa à 1PM e os bilhetes incluem buffet, com sopa, salada, bacalhau, frango, batata, arroz, café e sobremesa. Após o almoço, haverá um Presépio ao Vivo com alunos da nossa escola, e a visita do Pai Natal. Os bilhetes são \$25 para adultos e \$10 para crianças de até 12 anos. Por favor, ligue para a secretaria da paróquia ou escola para obter os ingressos.

ASSISTANCIA DURANTE O INVERNO

Se precisar de ajuda durante esta temporada de férias e meses de inverno, entre em contato com a paróquia ou pe. Jay diretamente. Nossas paróquias têm uma Sociedade São Vicente de Paulo muito ativa que trabalha com os necessitados.

RESULTADOS DA CONTAGEM DE MISSA

Para efeitos de Planeamento Pastoral (reestruturação da diocese em número de paróquias) a diocese faz uma contagem anual da missa durante o mês de Novembro, importante para o bispo na tomada de decisões sobre o futuro da diocese e nossas paróquias. Este ano, em S. Miguel, nossa conta de fim de semana foi de 773 e em S. Jose, nosso número foi de 623.

MISSA DA IMACULADA CONCEIÇÃO

A solenidade da Imaculada Conceição da Virgem Maria será um dia Santa de Guarda.

Missas serão o seguinte:

S. Jose - 7 de Dezembro - 6:30PM
8 de Dezembro - 9AM

S. Miguel - 8 de Dezembro - 10AM, com escola
8 de Dezembro - 5PM, Portugues

A SAGRADA TEMPORADA DO ADVENTO

A época santa do Advento é o período de quatro domingos antes do Natal. Advento significa 'Vindo' em latim. Esta temporada destina-se a nos preparar e a nos ajudar a refletir sobre a vinda de Jesus Cristo ao mundo, que são três. Os cristãos usam os quatro domingos do Advento para lembrar a primeira vinda de Cristo, o verdadeiro significado do Natal – o nascimento de nosso Senhor. A segunda vinda de Cristo acontece em cada Missa quando nosso Senhor se torna presente para nós no altar na Eucaristia. A terceira vinda de Cristo acontecerá no final dos tempos, quando Cristo retornar em glória. Durante este Santo Tempo do Advento, vamos preparar nossos corações para Cristo entrar em nossas vidas, cuidando de nossas vidas espirituais e nosso relacionamento com ele. Vamos recebê-lo com grande alegria.

ÁVORE DE OFERTAS

Neste Advento, visite a Árvore de Doações na entrada de nossa Igreja para deixar um cartão presente de qualquer denominação do Walmart, Target ou Amazon para ajudar uma família necessitada. Devolva todos os cartões-presente até 11 de Dezembro.

LADAINHA AO SANTÍSSIMO SACRAMENTO

No tempo do Advento, em vez da antífona de entrada ser cantada antes da Missa, rezaremos a Ladainha ao Santíssimo Sacramento. Assim como Jesus encarnou na manhã de Natal, assim Ele se torna verdadeiramente presente para nós na Eucaristia em cada Missa.

CONFISSÕES DO ADVENTO

Que melhor maneira de se preparar para o Natal do que examinar nossas consciências e confessar para receber a misericórdia e o perdão de nosso Senhor. Teremos confissões ouvidas Quarta-Feira, 14 de Dezembro, das 6:30-7:30PM. Haverá padres que falam Portugues disponível para ouvir confissões.