

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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

ADORATION

St. Michael's

Daily Adoration
Chapel
Open 8AM-8PM

St. Joseph's

Tuesdays
6:00-7:00PM
Benediction 6:45PM

HOLY MASS

St. Joseph's

Daily Mass (9AM)

Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday

Weekends

Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 7:00AM
10:45AM

St. Michael's

Daily Mass

Monday (Eng) 9AM
Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM
Friday (Port) 9AM

Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)
Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)
12PM (Port)
7PM (Eng)

CONFESSION

St. Michael's

Wednesdays
5-5:30PM
Saturday 3-3:30PM

St. Joseph's

Tuesdays 6-6:45PM
Saturday
9:30-10:30AM

Any time by appointment.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

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MARIAN MEDIAL RECIPIENTS

Each year, the bishop of the Diocese of Fall River honors parishioners for their years of dedication to their parish-es. I am happy to announce that this year, **Mrs. Filomena Furtado** of St. Michael's Church and **Mrs. Connie Lavoie** of St. Joseph's Church will be the recipients from our parishes. They have both been involved in many parish events for many years. Please congratulate them when you see them. The Marian Medal will be conferred at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, December 5th at 3PM.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our parishes will have a special visitor on Sunday, December 12th at St. Michael's Hall. Breakfast will be served after 9:30AM and 10:45AM Masses, with Santa visiting. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 8 and under. For tickets, please contact the school or parish office.

JR. & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

Our next event with our two Youth Groups will take place on Friday, December 10th, from 7-9PM. Our High School youth group (grades 8-12) will meet at St. Michael's Hall and our Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-7) will meet at St. Joseph's hall for a Christmas themed Movie Night. Snacks will be served.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass for couple observing significant wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 3PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, including the first anniversary, please contact the parish office to register for this Mass.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our Christmas Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5PM beginning 12/2 for the bi-lingual Midnight Mass choir at St. Michael's Church, and on Thursday, 12/2 at 6:15PM for the St. Joseph's Vigil Mass choirs.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

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| November 29th | - Study Group, 10AM |
| November 30th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| December 1st | - Confessions, 5-5:30PM (SM)
- Rel. Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15-7:35PM (SJ)
- Share Our Faith, 6:30PM (SJ) |
| December 3rd | - First Friday Devotions, (SJ)
Adoration/Confessions, 5-6PM
Mass, 6PM |
| December 4th | - First Saturday Devotions, (SJ)
Mass, 9AM
Rosary, immediately following |

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.

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 15th from 6:30-8PM. Our regular confession schedule is Tuesday from 6-7PM and Saturday from 9:30AM-10:30AM 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.

SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Recently, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said, "However, it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." I am happy that many have commented on how they enjoy the Gregorian Chant before Holy Mass, helping them to prepare for Holy Mass. Arriving early and recollecting ourselves is an important way to preparation for the celebration of Holy Mass as it helps us to clear our mind, recall why we are there, and also to enter into the sacred presence of God. Because Holy Mass is a communal celebration, there is the temptation to talk with others, but I respectfully ask that we try and keep conversations until after Mass, or if they are necessary, to have them in the foyer area or outside, so as to not disturb others who have come to pray. Let us always remember that we are in a sacred space and should conduct ourselves accordingly.

PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in Portuguese on Tuesday, the 14th of December at Espirito Santo Church at 7PM and Wednesday, the 15th of December at Santo Christo Church from 11AM until Noon.

BEST ADVENT EVER!

The Dynamic Catholic "Best Advent Ever" is a great online resource to help us prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/bestadvent-ever to sign up for this free daily video program that will be emailed directly to you to prepare for Christmas like never before.

"IGNITE YOUR PARISH" ADVENT PROGRAM

Start this Advent season off right and pick up your a card after all Masses this weekend! Music from The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR. Digital formats, available at the entrances of our church. Have a blessed start to Advent as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior this Christmas!

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 12th. No toys or other gifts will be accepted this year, only gift cards please.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are in need of assistance during this 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 with those in need.

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. As explained in the letter by Fr. Jay, we will be having a capital campaign to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our past and prepare for the future. 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 \$52,385.



Share our Faith Series

presented by Jean Revil
Director of Adult Faith Formation
Wednesdays, 6:30PM
St. Joseph's School

December 1st -
Parents as Teachers of the Faith

The family is the first school of faith and parents are the first teachers of the faith. It's a huge responsibility. This session will provide you with some tools to assist you in raising virtuous and faithful Catholics.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church
Daily Adoration Chapel -
Daily from 8AM-8PM

St. Joseph's Church
Eucharistic Holy Hour with Confessions
Tuesday - 6-7PM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Join Deacon Paul every Monday morning at 10AM at St. Joseph's School. Through the use of DVDs, videos, commentary and questions for reflection and discussion, we'll learn how to become the saints we were created to be.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Beginning this Fall, Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation will be presenting on a number of topics to help our parishioners grow in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. I encourage you to attend these nights and learn more about your faith. Each session will be held at St. Joseph's parish hall beginning at 6:30pm.

MY PARISH APP

Our St. Joseph & St. Michael Parish app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Download our app today at myparish-happ.com or search your phone's app store for myparish, or by texting the word APP to 88202 from your smart phone. Download the App, and select —St. Joseph and St. Michael Parish App from the list of available parishes.

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“IGNITE YOUR PARISH” ADVENT PROGRAM

This Advent, we will be giving all parishioners at St. Michael's & St. Joseph's a gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. After all Masses on November 27-28, be sure to get your bundle of music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Michael's school has open enrollment for Pre-K. Our pre-school program takes students ages 3 and 4, and there are limited spots available. To schedule a tour, please call the school office today 508.678.0266 or speak directly with Fr. Jay.

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

The Foundation for Advancing Catholic Education (FACE) assists families with the cost of tuition for Catholic education. Please see Fr. Jay for more information.

AMAZON SMILE TO SUPPORT SMS

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Michael School" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone,
2. Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features,
3. Select "St. Michael School" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

Religious Education News

Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 1st - 6:15PM-7:35PM

St. Joseph's School

Share Our Faith

Wednesday, December 1st - 6:30PM

St. Joseph's School

Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 8th - No Class, Holy Day

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, December 6th - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, December 13th - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael'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.

If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education, please do so by contacting the Religious Education Coordinator as soon as possible.

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Dr. Edward Doherty, D.D.S

Sunday, November 28th - 1st Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin, Fr. John Andrews

10:45AM - Joseph and Dorothea Levesque

Tuesday, November 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00AM - For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 2nd

9:00AM - David Cordeiro Miranda

Saturday, December 4th - St. John Damascene

9:00AM - Jose and Sofia Aguiar and family

Saturday, December 4th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - David and Alma Bond, Robert Curran

Sunday, December 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Alice E. Diniz

10:45AM - For those who died in November, especially Linda Wagner and Stephanie Boudria-Torres

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - William Cabral, Roberto Botelho, Margarida Roveredo

Sunday, November 28th - 1st Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Jose Creador, Manuel and Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Jacinto and Maria dos Anjos Creador, Pedro Creador, Melanie Creador

12:00PM - Genoveva Furtado, Alfredo Furtado, Isaura Rego, Pedro Teixeira, Manuel Pimentel e familia, Jacinto DaSilva, Maria DaSilva, Lisa Marie Vultao, Mariano Abelha, Maria Jose Abelha, Alfredo Abelha, Tony Abelha, Rachael Fernandes Cordeiro, Intenções de Michael Borges e familia

7:00PM - Angelina Silva, Fr. John Andrews

Monday, November 29th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Wednesday, December 1st

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 3rd - St. Francis Xavier

9:00AM - Maria Barroso

Saturday, December 4th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Gus Gonsalves and family, Moises Camara, Jose and Diamantina Amaral, William Cabral, Barbara Peixoto, Manuel Botelho, Silvino Estrela, Teresa Camara, Manuel Pereira and family, Fr. John Andrews, Raul T. Medeiros and family, Julieta Branco and family, Durval and Maria C. Rebello, Bella and Joseph Machado and family, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Alvaro and Luciana Palmira Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Dulce Valentim, Margarida Roveredo, John Andrade, Peter Sousa, Conceicao Moreira, Tracy Dias, Valentina Oliveira, Jay Hoyle, Jesse M. Aguiar

Sunday, December 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - For those who died in November, especially Maria Medeiros, Liberio Barbosa, Georgina Moreira and Ernesto Tavares

12:00PM - Tobias Cordeiro, Clementina e Antonio Resendes

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

November 20-21, 2021

Due to Holiday printing deadlines, the totals of the collections on November 20-21, 2021 will be shared in next weekend's bulletin.

Next week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection
(Non-Assessable)

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Fr. John Perry

St. Michael's - Gus Gonsalves and family

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Lydia Gonsalves

SAGRADA COMUNHÃO E MASCARAS

Mascaras para os vacinados não serão mais necessários, embora as pessoas devam se sentir confortáveis para fazer o que acharem melhor. Mais uma vez, peço que quem usa máscara a tire antes de receber a Sagrada Comunhão, para não correr o risco de deixar cair a Hóstia Sagrada. Agora temos permissão para usar nossos hinários / missaletes para as leituras e música e, portanto, não teremos mais ajudas de adoração online. Água benta foi colocada de volta nas fontes e todos são convidados a retornar à prática normal de se abençoar ao entrar e sair da igreja.

ALMOÇO COM PAI NATAL

Nossas paróquias terão uma visita especial no Domingo, dia 12 de Dezembro no salão de S. Miguel - o Pai Natal! O almoço será servido entre apos das Missas de 9:30AM e 10:45AM, com a visita do Pai Natal a seguir. Os bilhetes custam \$10 para adultos e \$8 para crianças de 8 anos ou menos. Para bilhetes, entre em contato com a escola ou o escritório da paróquia.

TEMPO SAGRADO ANTES DA MISSA

Estou feliz que muitos tenham comentado sobre os Cantos Gregoriano antes da Santa Missa, ajudando-os a se preparar para a Santa Missa. Chegando cedo e lembrando -nos é uma maneira importante de preparar a celebração da Santa Missa, pois isso nos ajuda a limpar nossa mente, lembre-se porque estamos lá, e também para entrar na presença sagrada de Deus. Porque a Santa Missa é uma celebração comunal, há a tentação de conversar com os outros, mas peço respeitosamente que tentamos manter conversas até depois da Missa, ou se for necessário, para as ter na área do vestíbulo ou fora, de modo a não perturbar outros que vieram rezar. Lembremo-nos sempre de que estamos em um espaço sagrado e devemos nos conduzir em conformidade.

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.

MEDALHA MARIANA

Cada ano, o Bispo da Diocese de Fall River honra os paroquianos por seus anos de dedicação às suas paróquias. Estou feliz em anunciar que este ano, a Filomena Furtado de S. Miguel e Connie Lavoie de S. Jose vão receber esta honra. Filomena e Connie são paroquianas devotas, envolvidas em muitas atividades, grupos e comissões, e são dignas de receber essa honra. A Medalha Mariana será conferida na Catedral de Santa Maria no Domingo, dia 5 de Dezembro às 3PM.

CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO EM PORTUGUES

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Quarta-Feira, 15 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 8:00, em Inglês. Que melhor maneira de se preparar para o Natal do que examinando nossas consciências e ir para a confissão para receber a misericórdia e o perdão do Nosso Senhor. Sacerdotes de língua portuguesa estar presentes. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Terça-Feira, 14 de Dezembro—Espirito Santo, 7PM
Quarta-Feira, 15 de Dezembro - Santo Cristo entre as 11 da manhã e meio dia

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 12 de Dezembro.

ADORAÇÃO EUCARISTICA

Igreja de São Miguel
Capela aberta de 8AM até 8PM
todos os dias

Igreja de São José
Hora Santa com Confissões
Terças-feiras entre 6 e 7 da tarde