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<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>* NO 7PM Mass Memorial Day - Labor Day.*</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 24, 2023

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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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FR. JAY

It is with great joy that I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and assure you of my prayers for a blessed and happy New Year. Let our hearts be filled with joy and happiness as we rejoice that God is close to each of us, especially in the difficult moments of our lives. Let us rejoice that we have a God who loves us and wants us to be close to him! As we celebrate his birth and enter into the new year, let us strive to bring that joy to those in our lives! Please know of my daily prayers for each of you and your families! Fr. Jay

THANK YOU — GIVING TREE

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated to our Giving Tree campaign this year. Collectively, over \$3,000 was raised for families in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

Our Parish is happy to offer a gift to all of our Parishioners this Christmas. This year's book is entitled "This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival" by author Bishop Robert Barron. They will be available this weekend and next. After everyone who wants a copy has taken one, I invite you to take one for family and friends.

MASS SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 1ST

Monday, January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be Mass offered at 9AM at St. Michael's and 5PM at St. Joseph's.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a visitor joining us for Mass for the first time, allow me to extend a warm welcome! We are happy that you chose to join us for Holy Mass this Christmas. You are always welcome here.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

It's just the way the calendar works! This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening and Sunday Morning as normal. However, because Christmas (December 25th) falls on a Monday, Christmas Eve Masses will begin on Sunday evening. Practically speaking, this means that next week all Catholics are to attend Mass TWICE - once for the 4th Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas - even if that means attending Mass twice on Sunday (once in the morning and then the Christmas Eve Vigil). I know that might seem like a lot but what better way to celebrate Christmas. Say a prayer for me, it also means a LOT of Masses for me to celebrate.

NEW PASTORAL LETTER FROM FR. JAY

I take this opportunity to make available a letter I have written to each parishioner with the hope that it might enhance your life of faith and devotion. Following the theme of my last two letters and in keeping with the efforts of the National Eucharistic Revival, this letter is about our worthy reception of Holy Communion. Copies are available at the entrance of each Church.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Deacon Paul leads a study group for those searching to get more out of their faith. Through Scripture stories, commentary, and questions for reflection and discussion, we'll learn how to receive the freedom and the new life Jesus died to give us. These sessions take place every Monday at 10AM.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Deacon Paul, takes place on Tuesdays at 9:30AM at St. Joseph's School. The focus will be on the following week's readings. For more information, please see Deacon Paul.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Congratulations to Katheryn Ferreira and Jonathan Ferreira who recently had their marriage blessed at St. Joseph's Church. May the Lord grant them a happy and holy marriage! Anyone interested in getting married, or having their civil marriages blessed by the Church, they should see Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the New Years Day holiday, the office will be closed the following dates: Monday, January 1st. If you are in need of assistance, you can call the parish office and we will return your call.

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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.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH

If you attend Mass here regularly, or are new here and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please call or stop by the parish office. Accurate counts of registered parishioners is important for pastoral planning purposes. It is also important for mailing and communications from the parish office. Additionally, it is important to be registered at a parish when you are asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation, without which, you can not be given a sponsor form.

SAVE THE DATE - WINE TASTING

Save the date of Saturday, February 3rd for the 12th annual St. Michael School Wine and Appetizer Tasting fundraiser. The event features wine, beer, spirits and appetizer tasting, as well as dancing, raffles and a silent auction. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor this event.

HOLY GHOST TAKE OUT

On Saturday, January 20th, there will be a Holy Ghost sponsored take out from 11AM-2PM. Tickets are \$20 each for fish and chips or chicken with rice and potatoes. Please contact Mordoma Brittany Almeida or the Parish Office for tickets.

SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER

Tickets are now available for our Soup-a-thon dinner being held on Saturday, January 20th following the 5:15PM Mass. There will be various soups served including minestrone, Portuguese kale, chili, New England clam chowder and Manhattan chowder, all served with salad, bread and desserts. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Please contact the Ana Lucy Mello or the parish office for tickets.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

The following dates have been scheduled for our Jr. Youth Group and High School Youth Group events.

Junior Youth Group -

Friday, January 26th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

High School Youth Group -

Friday, January 19th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, contact the parish office. To enroll in Online Giving, please visit:

St. Joseph's: stjosephschurchfr.weshareonline.org

St. Michael's: smpfr.weshareonline.org

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.

**CHURCH SUPPORT
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Decemebr 16-17, 2023

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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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Follow all the great things going on at St. Michael School on our social media accounts, "like" our Facebook page: St. Michael's Church and School, and our Instagram page: @saint_michael_school

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 28th from 11AM-1PM. Please pass along this information to families with young children that you may know and might be interested in our parish school. We appreciate everyone's effort to spread the word about our parish school, especially among families in our own parish.



Religious Education News

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 NO Class

Wednesday, December 27th - NO CLASS

Christmas Break

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 NO Class

Wednesday, January 3rd - NO CLASS

Catechist Prep

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, January 8th - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

Wednesday, January 10th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, January 22nd - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

For questions, contact Lisa Ouellette for grades 1-7 at 508.567.6358, or Ana Lucy Mello for grades 8-9 at 508.494.3916.

PROJECT RACHEL FOR MOTHERS

At the core of Project Rachel (post-abortion healing), the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a place where we have the amazing opportunity to encounter God's endless and loving Mercy, which is the ultimate source of all healing. If you desire, you will be able to meet with one of our priests who will welcome and counsel you in a prayerful environment with an atmosphere of respect, sensitivity and confidentiality. If you would like support from a counselor, contact 508.617.3230.

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Monday, Decemeber 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 AM - Mary Wick

11:00AM - Antonio Costa Jr.

Tuesday, December 26th - St. Stephen

9:00AM - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cabral

Thursday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents

9:00AM - Edward Byington

Saturday, December 30th

9:00AM - Mary St. Laurent

Saturday, December 30th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Messias Medeiros, for the
Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, December 31st -

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin

10:45AM - Olivia Cabral

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - George Arruda

St. Michael's - Maria Conceição Torres

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

Margaret Cabral

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5:30PM - For the People of our Parish

12AM - Pelo Povo da Paroquia

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00AM - Gabriel, and Jose Bernardo, Jose e
Teodora Pereira

Wednesday, December 27th - St. John

9:00AM - For our Parish & School Community

Friday, December 29th - St. Thomas Becket

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 30th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Bento and Maria Araujo, Edward J.
Pedro, Theodore Bernier, Ernesto
Tavares, Bella & Joseph Machado &
family, Manuel & Antonia Mello,
David & Mary Travis, Julieta
Branco & family, Alfredo Abelha,
Tony Abelha & family, Richard
Senra, Intentions of Antonio &
Maria Oliveira and family

Sunday, December 31st - The Holy Family

9:30AM - Margaret Rego

12:00PM - Antero de Matos Frias, John D.
Carvalho, Jose & Umbrazina
Carvalho, Hermano, Maria de Jesus,
Marcolino, Abel, Maria Espirito
Santoa e Eugenia Teves, Maria
Conceicao Brilhante

7:00PM - For the People of the Parish

BOAS FESTAS

É com muito alegria que aproveito esta oportunidade para desejar a cada um de vocês e suas famílias um Feliz Natal e assegurar-lhes minhas orações por um abençoado e feliz Ano Novo. Jesus Cristo nasceu no dia de Natal! Que nossos corações se encham de alegria e felicidade ao nos alegrarmos por Deus estar perto de cada um de nós, especialmente nos momentos difíceis de nossas vidas. Alegremo-nos por termos um Deus que nos ama e quer que estejamos perto dele! Enquanto celebramos seu nascimento e entramos no novo ano, vamos nos esforçar para trazer essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Fr. Jay

MISSAS ESTE FIM DE SEMANA

É assim que o calendário funciona! Neste fim de semana celebraremos o 4º Domingo do Advento no Sábado à noite e no Domingo de manhã normalmente. No entanto, como o Natal (25 de Dezembro) cai numa segunda-feira, as missas da véspera de Natal começarão no domingo à noite. Em termos práticos, isto significa que na próxima semana todos os católicos deverão assistir à Missa DUAS VEZES - uma no 4º Domingo do Advento e outra no Natal - mesmo que isso signifique assistir à Missa duas vezes no domingo (uma de manhã e depois na Vigília de Natal). Eu sei que pode parecer muito, mas que melhor maneira de comemorar o Natal. Faça uma oração por mim, isso também significa MUITAS missas para eu celebrar.

NOVA CARTA PASTORAL DO PE. JAY

Com o início do Advento e o início de um novo ano litúrgico, aproveito esta oportunidade para disponibilizar uma carta que escrevi a cada paroquiano com a esperança de que possa melhorar a sua vida de fé e devoção. Seguindo o tema das minhas duas últimas cartas e em consonância com os esforços do Reavivamento Eucarístico Nacional, esta carta é sobre a nossa digna recepção da Sagrada Comunhão. Cópias estão disponíveis na entrada de cada Igreja, em inglês e português, bem como nos sites das nossas paróquias.

BEM-VINDO À NOSSA PARÓQUIA!

Se estão visitando as igrejas de São Miguel ou São José para a celebração do Natal, bem-vindo as nossas igrejas. Estamos honrados e abençoados por tê-lo aqui conosco nesta ocasião especial, a celebração do nascimento do nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo! Somos duas paróquias com só um pastor, que servem os que estão no norte da cidade de Fall River e nas cidades vizinhas. Ambas as paróquias têm uma longa e rica tradição, e estamos construindo sobre essa história enquanto olhamos o futuro, e convidamos a fazerem parte disso. Estamos aqui para servir o Senhor, e todos! Permita-me novamente desejar-te e á sua família um Feliz Natal e muito prospero Ano Novo. Recebe este convite para se juntar a nós todos os Domingos na Santa Missa. Por favor, não hesite em falar comigo se houver algo que eu possa fazer para ajudar-te. Deus te abençoe! Pe. Jay

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 Grupo de Ajuda Paroquial muito ativa que trabalha com os necessitados.

JANTAR DO ESPIRITO SANTO

No Sabado, dia 20 de Janeiro, haverá um jantar de levantar para fora entre 11AM-2PM. Ementa será peixe com batata frita ou galinha com batata e arroz. Tickets são \$20 e estão disponíveis com a Mordoma Brittany Almeida ou no escritório.

MAU TEMPO

À medida que entramos na estação do inverno e mau tempo, informe-se sobre a Missa diária. Quando a escola é cancelada, não há Missa. Todas as intenções de Missa serão reprogramadas. As Missas de fim de semana não serão canceladas a menos que tais condições severas justifiquem uma proibição de condução. Por favor, use prudência e segurança!

CASA ABERTA NA ESCOLA

No Domingo, dia 28 de Janeiro, teremos a Casa Aberta da Escola de São Miguel imediatamente após da Missa das 11AM até meio dia e meio. Se tem filhos ou familiares que estão interessado em visitar a nossa escola, podem vir entre estas horas ou fazer apontamento com a escola.

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