

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

Wednesdays
9:00AM-5:30PM
Benediction 5:30PM

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

Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)
Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)
12PM (Port)
7:00PM (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 29, 2020

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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FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AT MASS

We ask that you please review our guidelines for opening our churches during the current health situation, and continued to wear your masks and observe social distancing. Please use hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit of church, as well as before and after receiving Holy Communion. Please refrain from any form of the Sign of Peace. Please use only center aisle for Communion.

PERSONAL MISSALETTES FOR SALE

Missalettes have been ordered for the new liturgical year. If you would like your own copy of the new Missalette, please contact the parish office. They are \$5 each. They will be sold in the church when available.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORGAN FUND

The organ at St. Joseph's Church is preparing for the third phase of repairs. We would like to thank those who generously gave to their project. To date, **\$11,047** of \$17,500.00 has been raised. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort, there are envelopes at the main entrance of the church.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's appeal ends tomorrow. I am happy to announce that to date we have received **\$14,985**. I want to take this opportunity to once again humbly ask for your generous contribution to this year's appeal, as well as your generous support each week. Appeal donations can be mailed into the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The sale of Christmas Cards will continue throughout Advent. The Christmas cards come in sets of 12, with 3 different photos of our church decorated at Christmas for \$10. They will be available after all Masses and at the parish office.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

November 30th - School of Prayer, 10:00 AM (SJ)

December 1st - Bible Study, 9:30AM, 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confession, 6-7PM (SJ)

December 2nd - Adoration, 9:30AM-5:30PM (SM)
- Rel. Ed. Groups 1A & 2A, 6PM (SJ)
- Confirmation Grade 8,
7-8:30PM (SM)

December 4th - First Friday Devotions, (SJ)
Adoration/Confessions, 5-6PM
Mass, 6PM

December 5th - First Saturday Devotions, (SJ)
Mass, 9AM
Rosary immediately following

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, meets on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings this Advent. Seating will be set up to maintain social distancing.

GIVING TREE

This Advent, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our Church and pick a tag to provide a gift for a child in need. Please return all gifts no later than December 13th.

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.

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/best-advent-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 gift bundle after all Masses this weekend! Music from The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet are all part of the plan to help you celebrate these seasons in a deeper way. Bundles are available in hardcopy or 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!

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.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Michael's on Monday, December 7th from 6-8PM. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. There will be multiple priests here to hear confessions.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

It is with great joy that I announce the opening of our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Michael's! As I mentioned in my Pastoral Letter, "Come, Let Us Adore Him," I wanted to open this chapel to that there would be a place for people to pray at any hour they need to. It was clear to me during the coronavirus shutdown that there is a desire for people to have quiet time in a sacred place to pray. It was encouraging to see so many people take advantage of the Church being open in the mornings for private prayer. Unfortunately, for safety concerns, we cannot keep the churches open all day. However, that is possible with our chapel and I would like to go over some of the logistics here.

The chapel is located on the southeast side of the church, or if facing the church from the street, around the back to the left. It can only be accessed from the outside using the side door between the school and the church. The chapel will be open from 8am to 8pm. If anyone would like to access the chapel after 8pm and before 8am, please see me and I will give you an access code. Please make sure the door is securely shut upon leaving. We have installed security cameras in the chapel and by the entrance.

The chapel is a place of silent prayer in which our Lord is present in the Eucharist on the altar. Please be reverent and respectful of others praying. There should be no talking in the chapel, no food or beverages. Families are encouraged to bring their children to pray! Children do make noise, they laugh and they cry. Please do not make any child or family feel uncomfortable if a child is a little noisy.

Personal private prayer before the Eucharist is one of the most life changing experiences one could have. I invite and encourage all parishioners to make it a priority to make a visit to the chapel at least once a week, especially during the Advent season.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Michael's school is continuing to take applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Our pre-school program takes students ages 3 and 4, but space is limited. Call the school office today 508.678.0266 or speak directly with Fr. Jay. Financial assistance is available.

MRS. MARY WICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mary Wick was a dedicated parishioner involved in many different things at St. Michael's parish, including teaching in our parish school for many years. It was Mary's wish that a scholarship be started in her name to assist families with the cost of tuition. If you would like to remember and honor Mary in this way, please make checks payable to the "Mrs. Mary Wick Scholarship." Donations can be mailed in the parish, placed in the collection basket or given directly to Fr. Jay. Let us all remember Mary and all the good she has done!

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Enter the link below in a web browser and you will be brought to the — Welcome to Amazon Smile page. Be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA. Or type the link below in your browser, and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School.

Visit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/042106670>

SCHOOL SPIRIT STORE

St. Michael School has items for sale from its School Spirit Store, including mugs, blankets, umbrellas and Christmas ornaments and more. If you would like to place an order for any items, please contact the parish or school office.

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Groups 1A & 2A

Wednesday, December 2nd - 6-7PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Grades 3-7

Remote Class - Break until December 2nd

Students must sign in at Mass each week. If the student attends Mass outside of our parishes, please collect a bulletin and have the pastor sign and date the bulletin. Please include your child's name on the bulletin when turning it in.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Lisa Ouellette at louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org or 508.567.3638.

Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Grade 8 Confirmation Class

Wednesday, December 2nd - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael's Hall

Grade 9 Confirmation Class

Wednesday, December 9th - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael's Hall

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Lucy Mello at analuciamello910@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira, Leo Hamel, John & Mary Medeiros

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Joseph Redd Jr.

10:45AM - Maria de Freitas

Tuesday, December 1st

9:00AM - Anna Natale

Thursday, December 3rd - St. Francis Xavier

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 5th

9:00AM - In honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, December 5th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira

Sunday, December 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Jose M. Frias, Delores Cunha, 19th Anniversary, Mary Hayes, Kenneth Baker

10:45AM - Miguel, Mary, Miguel Jr., Dolores, Louis and Evelyn Massa, Greyson Smith, Ann Connell

Sanctuary Lamp

*In Memory of
the Unborn*



CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

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(Non-Assessable)

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4:00PM - Mary, Genevive, Natalie, Shirley, Madeline, Eleanor, Veronica, Frances, Geraldine Audette. Aladin, Daniel, David Audett, Dolores Massa

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Gina Almeida, Genoveva Furtado, Isaura Rego, Antonio M and Mario Aguiar, Evelyn Botelho, Maddox Almeida, Mariano and Conceicao Moniz, Joao Teixeira, Manuel, Maria Medeiros, Claudio, Manuel, Daniel, Zelia Leite, Iberia, Gabriela, Amelia Furtado, Intentions of Michael Borges and family

12:00PM - Moises Camara

7:00PM - For all Souls in Purgatory

Monday, November 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00AM - Anibal Duarte and family

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 4th - St. John Damascene

9:00AM - Manuel Farias

Saturday, December 5th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Manuel S. Silva

Sunday, December 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Armando Freitas, Mary Santo Cristo Sousa, Natalie M. Souza, Isidro Marcelino

12:00PM - Genoveva Furtado, Isaura Do Rego, Raul Medeiros, Eugenia da Luz, Rachel Fernandes Cordeiro, Antonio Santos e familia, Eulalia Varao, Manuel e Antonio Varao, Rosa Ferreira e familia, Jose Creador, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Jacinto e Maria dos Anjos Creador, Melanie Creador, Pedro Creador

7:00PM - John, Rose and Mailala Soares, Intentions of Ana Cabral and family

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Moises Camara*

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CAPELA DE ADORAÇÃO EUCARÍSTICA

É com grande alegria que anuncio a inauguração da Capela da Adoração Eucarística na Basílica de São Miguel! Como mencionei em minha Carta Pastoral, “Venha, vamos adorá-lo”, eu queria abrir esta capela para que houvesse um lugar para as pessoas orarem a qualquer hora que precisassem. Ficou claro para mim durante a paralisação do coronavírus que há um desejo de que as pessoas tenham um tempo de silêncio em um lugar sagrado para orar. Foi encorajador ver tantas pessoas tirando proveito do fato de a Igreja estar aberta todas as manhãs para orações privadas. Infelizmente, por questões de segurança, não podemos manter as igrejas abertas o dia todo. No entanto, isso é possível com nossa capela e eu gostaria de repassar um pouco da logística aqui.

A capela encontra-se no lado sudeste da igreja, ou se estiver voltada para a igreja da rua, nas traseiras à esquerda. O acesso só pode ser feito pelo lado de fora pela porta lateral entre a escola e a igreja. A capela funciona das 8h às 20h. Se alguém quiser acessar a capela depois das 20h e antes das 8h, fale comigo e eu lhe darei um código de acesso. Certifique-se de que a porta está bem fechada ao sair. Instalamos câmeras de segurança na capela e na entrada.

A capela é um lugar de oração silenciosa em que nosso Senhor está presente na Eucaristia no altar. Por favor, seja reverente e respeitoso com os outros que oram. Não deve haver conversa na capela, nem comida ou bebida. As famílias são incentivadas a trazer seus filhos para orar! As crianças fazem barulho, riem e choram. Por favor, não faça nenhuma criança ou família se sentir desconfortável se uma criança fizer barulho.

A oração pessoal e privada antes da Eucaristia é uma das experiências mais transformadoras que alguém poderia ter. Convido e encorajo todos os paroquianos a darem prioridade a uma visita à capela pelo menos uma vez por semana, especialmente durante o tempo do Advento.

SEGUINDO DIRETRIZES EM MASSA

Pedimos que reveja nossas diretrizes para abrir nossas igrejas durante a atual situação de saúde, e continue a usar suas máscaras e observar o distanciamento social. Use desinfetante para as mãos na entrada e saída da igreja, bem como antes e depois de receber a Sagrada Comunhão. Abstenha-se de qualquer forma do Sinal da Paz. Por favor, use somente o corredor central para a comunhão.

MISSALETES PARA O ADVENTO

Começando no primeiro Domingo do Advento, vamos ter Missalettes na igreja. Fazem favor de tirar um livro. Se levar um Missalette, leve-o para casa e traga-o a todas as Missas para evitar os riscos associados ao COVID. Esta será sua Missalette até o final da temporada de Natal.

CONSELHO PARÓQUIAL E DE FINANÇAS

Gostaria de agradecer a cada um dos membros dos nossos conselhos financeiros e dos conselhos paroquiais de cada paróquia por completar um mandato de 5 anos representando toda a paróquia, aconselhando-me no meu papel como pastor. Novos conselhos serão estabelecidos a partir de janeiro de 2021. Se gostaria de ser considerado para servir em qualquer um dos conselhos ou se gostaria de recomendar alguém para mim, envie-me um e-mail antes do final do ano. Os novos membros serão publicados no boletim no início do novo ano.

CARTAS DE NATAL

Agora disponível no escritório paroquial são um conjunto de cartões de Natal com fotos da nossa igreja decorada no tempo de Natal. Os conjuntos são de 12 cartas, com três imagens diferentes, por \$10 por conjunto.

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.