

# SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT JOSEPH PARISHES



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

**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 you.

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

- December 1st — Holy Ghost Christmas Luncheon, 1PM (SM)
- December 2nd — Study Group with Deacon Paul, 10AM (SJ)  
— PTO Meeting, 6:30PM
- December 3rd — **NO** Adoration (SJ)  
— Bible Study, 9:30AM and 7PM (SJ)  
— Advent Mission, Fr. Young 7PM (SJ)
- December 4th — Adoration, 9AM-5:30PM (SM)  
— Advent Mission, Msgr. Vieira 7PM, Port. (SM Chapel)  
— Advent Mission, Ms. Revil 6:30PM (SJ School)
- December 5th — Advent Mission, Sr. Johanna 7PM (SM Chapel)
- December 6th — First Friday Devotions, Adoration/Confession—5-6PM  
Mass—6PM
- December 7th — First Saturday Devotions, Mass—9AM  
Confessions & Rosary, 9:30AM
- December 8th — Second Sunday Social, after all Masses (SJ)  
— Confirmation, grade 9 4:30-6:45PM (SM)

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Congratulations to Aiden Michael Afonso and Amelia Mary Elizabeth Dupre who were recently baptized at St. Michael's Parish. With great joy, we welcome them into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

**GIVING TREE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND**

Beginning this week, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our Church this Advent and pick a tag to provide a gift for a child in need. Please return all gifts **no later than December 15th.**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Our school will have a special visitor on Sunday, December 15th. Breakfast served between 8AM-1PM, with Santa visiting after 9:30AM Mass and 10:45AM Mass. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 8 and under. For tickets, please contact the school or parish office.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Our Christmas Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:30PM beginning 12/11 for the bi-lingual Midnight Mass choir at St. Michael's Church, and on Tuesday, 12/10 at 7PM for the St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Vigil Mass choirs.

**PRE-REGISTRATION AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL**

Pre-registration for Pre-K3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 year will begin on Monday, December 2nd. If you would like to have your child registered at St. Michael School, please call the school office as soon as possible as spot fill quickly.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SAVE THE DATE—"MADE FOR MORE"

Together with Our Lady of Grace and St. Francis Xavier parishes, we are hosting world renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with musician, Mike Mangione, at Our Lady of Grace Parish with an all new event called "MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND." Go to [www.corproject.com/westport](http://www.corproject.com/westport) for tickets and more information about the event.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

This month, 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.

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The Lector workbooks for 2020 are now available. They can be found in the sacristy at St. Michael's Church and in the confessional room at St. Joseph's Church.

### STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

When doing your grocery shopping at Stop and Shop, use your loyalty card to earn dollars for SMS. To link your card to the program, visit [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com), click "register" and create an account. Select "manage my account" and then "Rewards and Savings." Enter your card number and the school code - 07125.

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

### 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.

## Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

### Religious Education Class

Wednesday, December 4th—6:15-7:35PM  
*St. Joseph's Parish Center*

### Religious Education Class

Wednesday, December 11th—6:15-7:35PM  
*St. Joseph's Parish Center*

## Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

### Confirmation Class—Grade 9

Sunday, December 8th—4:30-6:45PM  
*St. Michael's Hall*

### Confirmation Class—Grade 8

Sunday, January 12th—4:30-6:45PM  
*St. Michael's Hall*

### 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](http://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.

### 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, \$4,556.00 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.

### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 26th from 10:30AM-12:30PM. 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. There is financial aid available.

## JR. YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**Save the Date**—Our Junior Youth Group will gather for a night of fun on Friday, December 20th. Save the date for a night of fun! More information will be forthcoming.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**Christmas Party**—Our Annual Youth Group Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 16th at St. Michael's parish hall, at 6:30PM. All youth ages 13-18 are invited to join us for food, fun and games, celebrating the upcoming Christmas season.

## THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins next weekend! It is a blessed and holy time of year in which we make many preparations for the celebration of our Lord's birth! With society becoming more and more secular, we as Catholics must make a concerted effort to make Advent and Christmas a truly spiritual and faithful celebration. I invite each of you as individuals and families to think about and choose a way in which you will make this season of Advent a spiritual time of preparation, perhaps it is saying the Rosary together as a family each night, or one night a week. Maybe it is going to daily Mass if you schedule allows. Perhaps it is going to confession, if you have not been in a while. Perhaps it is going to Adoration on Tuesday nights or during the day on Wednesday. Maybe it is Bible Study or reading a good Catholic book. Choose something to do this Advent, and I guarantee, Christmas will be that much greater of a celebration!

### LITURGICAL CHANGES FOR ADVENT

The Holy Season of Advent is meant to spiritually and liturgically prepare our hearts for Christmas. The liturgy is meant to grab our attention and focus us toward the Lord's coming. Here at our parishes, Mass will be celebrated "*Ad Orientem*" (with the priest and the congregation all facing the same direction) as we have done the past few years. To offer options to all parishioners, this will only be done at the 9:30AM at St. Michael's and the 10:45AM at St. Joseph's. The music is also noticeably different during Advent. The *Gloria* is not said or sung at the beginning of Mass. The "*Kyrie*" (Lord, have mercy) will be chanted in the original Greek (*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*). The "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" and the "*Lamb of God*" will be chanted in Latin. These changes will only be for the weeks of Advent.

### ENTRANCE AND COMMUNION ANTIPHONS

You have probably noticed the use of a "*Communion Antiphon*" at Mass the last few months in place of a hymn. I want to take this opportunity to explain further what the Antiphon is and why we use them at Mass. The "Entrance Antiphon (Introit), Offertory Prayer, and Communion Antiphons are called the "Propers of the Mass" which match the Gospel or Feast of the day. Proper texts of the Mass change every day. In addition to the Antiphons, the Responsorial Psalm and the prayers said by the priest are also proper texts. Proper texts differ from the "Ordinary" texts of the Mass which never change: Gloria, Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, etc. Up until Vatican II the antiphons were sung in Latin by the choir *instead of* an opening, offertory, and communion hymn. The congregation joined in singing the Creed, Gloria, and chanted Mass responses (which they still do). You may remember a few years ago when the revised translation of the English Mass was introduced with a more accurate translation. This process caused many Catholics to rediscover the Proper Antiphons, which were a part of our Mass tradition for hundreds of years. Since Vatican II did not suggest that the Proper Antiphons be removed, many contemporary Catholic composers have been looking for ways to incorporate them back into the Mass. We have been singing the Communion Antiphon for several months now. Beginning with Advent and the new liturgical year, we will be able to hear the Entrance Antiphon before Mass begins as a way of helping us to prepare our hearts and minds. I hope the incorporation these sacred text enhances your worship and is another reminder of the Gospel message for the day. The Antiphons for both the Entrance and Communion can be found in our new hymnals.

### A EUCHARISTIC ADVENT

This year, during the four Sundays of Advent, the homily will focus on the Eucharist! Recently, you heard me mention that a recent survey revealed that only about 20% of Catholic believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. To focus on rediscovering and strengthening our faith in the Eucharist, each Sunday of Advent will be a teaching on the Eucharist using different images and themes of Christmas. There will also be a brief catechesis here in the bulletin as well.

### 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.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Joseph's on ***December 11th*** from 6:30-7:30PM. 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.

### PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 9 @ 7PM - St. Michael Church  
Tuesday, December 10 @ 11AM - Santo Christo Church



Join us for our Advent Mission - listen to presenters as they teach us ways in which we can get the most out of Advent and best prepare for Christmas.



Tuesday, December 3rd | St. Joseph's Church - 7PM

Fr. Adam Young  
"Each Mass is Like Christmas"



Wednesday, December 4th | St. Michael's Chapel - 7PM

Monsignor Victor Vieira  
"Advento e a Eucaristia" (Portuguese)



Wednesday, December 4th | St. Joseph's School - 6:30PM

Ms. Jean Revil  
"Celebrating Advent and Christmas"



Thursday, December 5th | St. Michael's Chapel - 7PM

Sister Johanna Paruch  
"St. Francis and Christmas"

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 30th—Vigil Mass**  
5:15PM—John Lucie and Maureen Conboy  
**Sunday, December 1st—1st Sunday of Advent**  
7:00AM—John Pereira  
10:45AM—Paul Allard  
**Tuesday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier**  
9:00AM—For the People of our Parish  
**Thursday, December 5th—Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM—Veronica M. Bouchard  
**Saturday, December 7th—St. Ambrose**  
9:00AM—Jose M. Frias  
**Saturday, December 7th—Vigil Mass**  
5:15PM—Maria Amelia Lourenço  
**Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent**  
7:00AM—Jose C. and Lydia Oliveira  
10:45AM—In Memory of those who died in November especially Evelyn Cabeceiras and Robert Harrington

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

*In Memory of*  
Margaret and George Arruda

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 30th—Vigil Mass**  
4:00PM—Carlos Medeiros, Maria Estrella Rego, Robert Botelho, Margarida Revoredo, Evelyn Botelho, Josefina Tavares, Jaime and Conceicao Moura and family, Robert Mello, Taylor Patricio, Maria Cecilia Vieira and Antonio Penacho, Januario and Eulalia deMelo, Jose and Rosalina Soares, Evelyn Camara, Jose Eduardo Pacheco, Intentions of Gilberta Reis  
**Sunday, December 1st—1st Sunday of Advent**  
9:30AM—Mariano and Conceicao Moniz  
12:00PM—Jaime Simões, Maria de Lurdes Simões, Clotilde Simões  
7:00PM—For the People of our Parish  
**Monday, December 2nd—Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM—Joao Oliveira Pavao, Intenções da esposa  
**Wednesday, December 4th—St. John Damascene**  
8:30AM—For our Parish and School Community  
**Friday, December 6th—St. Nicholas**  
9:00AM—Abel Matias, Todas as Almas  
**Saturday, December 7th—Vigil Mass**  
4:00PM—Robert Botelho and family  
**December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent**  
9:30AM—In Memory of those who died in November especially Manuel Ramos  
12:00PM—Jose Creador, Manuel e Maria Tavares, Jacinto e Maria Creador, Peter Creador, Melanie Creador, John DaSilva, Jacinto e Angelina Silva, Agostinho e Paixão Silva, Alex Silva, Angela Coimbra e familia, Jose Luis Cabral, Raul T. Medeiros e familia, Antonio Pavao, Sandra e Joshua St. Lawrence, John Oliveira, intenções da esposa, intenções de Gilberto, Gorette Almeida e familia

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Em Memoria de*  
Jose DeSousa, Maria de Jesus DeSousa e familia



### **CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S**

November 23-24, 2019  
First Collection: \$2,315.00  
Campaign for Human Development: \$ 973.00

This week's Second Collection:  
Church Maintenance Fund  
(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:  
Retired Religious  
(Transferred to Diocese)

### **CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S**

November 23-24, 2019  
First Collection: \$3,964.00  
Campaign for Human Development: \$ 855.00

This week's Second Collection:  
Monthly School Collection  
(Transferred to School)

Next week's Second Collection:  
Retired Religious  
(Transferred to Diocese)

## **MUDANÇAS LITÚRGICAS PARA O ADVENTO**

O Tempo Santo do Advento é para espiritualmente e litúrgicamente preparar nossos corações para o Natal. A liturgia destina-se a chamar nossa atenção a nos concentrar na vinda do Senhor. Aqui em nossas paróquias, a Missa será celebrada "Ad Orientem" (com o sacerdote e a congregação todos de frente para a mesma direção) como fizemos no ano passado. Para oferecer opções a todos os paroquianos, isso só será feito às 9:30 da manhã em S. Miguel e às 10:45 em S. José. A música também é visivelmente diferente durante o Advento. O Gloria não é dito ou cantado no início da Missa. O "Kyrie" (Senhor, tenha misericórdia) será cantado no grego original (Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison). O Santo Santo e o Cordeiro de Deus serão cantados em latim. O organista irá ensaiar antes da Missa.

## **CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO**

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Terça-Feira, 11 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 7:30, 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 estarão presentes. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Segunda-Feira, 9 de Dezembro—São Miguel  
Terça-Feira, 10 de Dezembro - Santo Cristo  
entre as 11 da manhã e meio dia

## **PREGAÇÃO DO ADVENTO**

Este ano, teremos uma "Missão do Advento" com vários oradores diferentes, apresentando maneiras pelas quais podemos tirar o máximo proveito do Advento e nos preparar melhor para o Natal. Convido você a participar do maior número possível. Observe os horários e locais diferentes para cada noite.

Terça-feira 3 de Dezembro - Igreja de São José, 7PM—  
Pe. Adam Young "Cada missa é como o Natal"

Quarta-Feira, 4 de Dezembro 7PM, Capela de S. Miguel  
Mnsr. Victor Vieira - "Advento e Eucaristia" (Por)

Quarta-Feira, 4 de Dezembro, Escola S. José 6:30PM  
Jean Revil "Celebrando o Advento e o Natal"

Quinta-Feira, 5 de Dezembro, Capela de S. Miguel,  
7PM—Ir. Johanna Paruch, "St. Francisco e Natal "

## **STOP AND SHOP PROGRAMA**

Ao fazer suas compras no Stop and Shop, use seu cartão de fidelidade para ganhar dólares por SMS. Para ligar o seu cartão ao programa, visite [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com), clique em "registar" e crie uma conta. Selecione "gerenciar minha conta" e, em seguida, "Prêmios e Poupança". Digite o número do seu cartão e o código da escola - 07125. No final do programa, receberemos o CASH para atender às nossas necessidades educacionais.

## **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.

## **REVERÊNCIA NA CASA DE DEUS**

A igreja é o lugar onde nos reunimos todas as semanas para louvar o Senhor! A nossa comunidade é composta de indivíduos, mas nos reunimos como uma paróquia inteira, e por isso devemos estar atentos aos que estão à nossa volta. Como tem ouvido me dizer em várias ocasiões, devemos trabalhar para "Restaurar o Sagrado" - lembrando que cada vez que entramos na Igreja, estamos entrando na Casa de Deus e todas as nossas ações devem refletir isso. Recentemente, o Papa Francisco nos lembrou que deveríamos estar "levantando nossos corações," não o nossos telefones. Eu acho que foi uma ótima oportunidade para refletir-mos sobre o nosso tempo na Igreja. Isso não é uma crítica, mas um encorajamento para que possamos trabalhar juntos para tornar a casa de Deus um lugar de reverência e oração para todos

## **FLORES PARA O NATAL**

Este mês, tanto nos envelopes da coleção como na parte de trás da igreja, há envelopes para as Flores do Natal. Com esses envelopes, sua oferta é solicitada para as flores do santuário durante o tempo de Natal em memória de um querido defunto. A lista com todos os nomes dos lembrados será publicada no dia de Natal. Agradecemos sua generosidade.

## **ARVORE DE OFERTAS**

Por favor visite a Arvore de ofertas que está á entrada da Igreja e retire um talão. As ofertas são para crianças com necessidade. Por favor devolve as ofertas desembulhadas antes de dia 15 de Dezembro.

## **SUBSCRIÇÃO DA "THE ANCHOR"**

Considere comprar uma subscrição do Anchor, o jornal da Diocese de Fall River. Envie \$25 para uma subscrição de um ano ou \$45 para uma assinatura de dois anos, com um cheque para "The Anchor", e inclua seu número de telefone, endereço e endereço de e-mail, se disponível. Envie seu cheque para The Anchor, 887 Highland Ave, Fall River, MA 02720.