

# 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)

\* NO 7PM Mass Memorial Day - Labor Day.\*

## **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.

*FEBRUARY 18, 2024*

## **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**

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [frjmello@diocese-fr.org]

Deacon Paul Levesque [paul.levesque@comcast.net]

Mrs. Shanna Lubold, Director of Pastoral Services [stjosephsfallriver@gmail.com]

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Mr. Stephen Tinkham, Music Director [tinkpro@icloud.com]

### **FISH FRY TICKETS**

The last date to purchase tickets for the February 23rd Fish Fry is Tuesday, February 20th. Please contact Mordoma Brittany Almeida or the parish office for tickets. There will be tickets available after all Masses this weekend.

### **CHOW MEIN TAKE OUT**

On Friday, March 1st, from 4-6PM, there will be a Chow Mein and Fries take out at the school. Tickets are \$15 each. Please contact the parish office for tickets.

### **FISH FRY TAKE OUT**

On Friday, March 15th, there will be a fish and chips take out from 3-6PM. Tickets are \$20 each and are available now at the parish office.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There are many opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Join us each Friday of Lent. St. Michael— 9:30AM (Port.)

1:30PM, with School Children\*

St. Joseph— 6:00PM

\*There will be no 1:30PM Stations on February 23rd or March 1st.

### **DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS**

All adults 18 and older are bound to the law of fast up to their 60th year, limited to a single full meal that is meatless. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain one's needs, but together they shall not equal a full meal. The two prescribed days of Fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to serve the Law of Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as of course Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Our church is participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign to support A Woman's Concern – Learn Your Options. Please return all filled Baby Bottles back to the church by next weekend, February 25th.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

February 19th - NO Study Group, Holiday  
- Office closed, Holiday

February 20th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)  
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)

February 21st - NO Rel. Ed. Class, Vacation

February 23rd - Fish Fry, 3-6PM (SM)

## SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN PARISH MISSION

As I did last year, I invited Catholic musician John Finch to visit our parishes for our Lenten Mission. The mission will take place Monday, March 18th at St. Michael's, Tuesday, March 19th at St. Joseph's. Each night will be at 7PM and on Wednesday morning, March 20th, with our school students beginning at 8:30AM. More information will follow.

## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

An integral part of the Lenten Season is repenting of our sinful behaviors. It will be an opportunity for confessions with a number of visiting priests on Wednesday night, March 6th at St. Joseph's church from 6:30-8PM. I strongly encourage all parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity, or to go to confession during one of the regularly scheduled confession times.

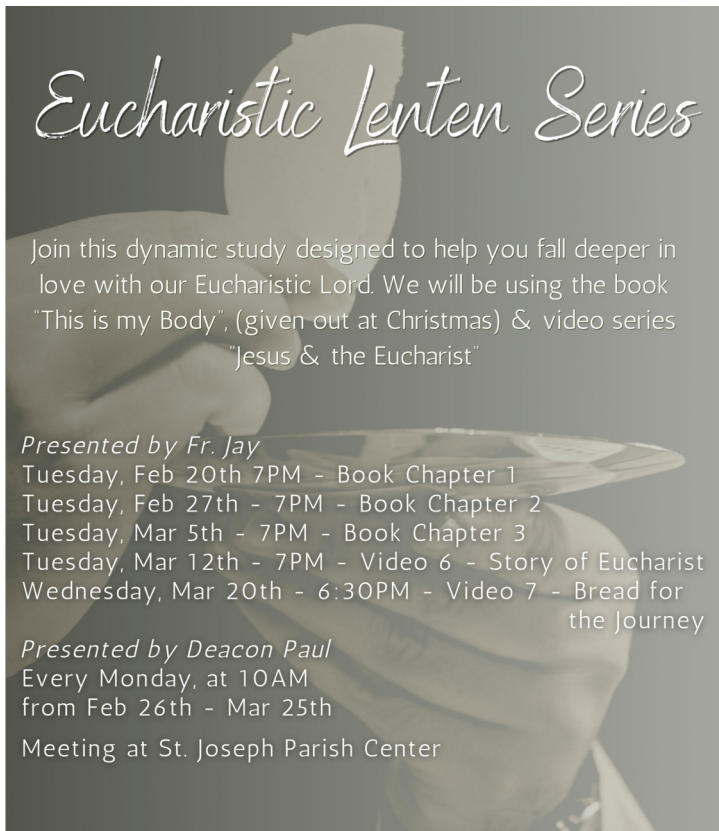
Tuesday - 6-6:45PM, St. Joseph  
Wednesday - 5-5:30PM, St. Michael  
Saturday - 9:30-10:30AM, St. Joseph  
3-3:30PM, St. Michael

## HOLY GHOST WHITE ATTIRE PARTY

Tickets are now available for our White Attire Party, taking place on Saturday, March 23rd from 6-11PM. Tickets are \$40 and include appetizers, soup, surf and turf, dessert and coffee. There will be entertainment by Get Lucky the Band. Please contact Mordoma Brittany Almeida, the Parish Office for tickets or purchase after all Masses.

## LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

To combine the Eucharistic Revival and the Lenten season, Fr. Jay and Deacon Paul will be presenting a 5 week Adult Faith Formation Series using the book that was given out for Christmas, *"This is my Body"* and a video series created by the United States Bishop's Conference, *"Jesus and the Eucharist."* All wishing to participate are encouraged to read the sections of the book that will be presented on and discussed for each session. Each of the 3 chapters will be discussed at the first three sessions and the two videos will be discussed during the last two weeks. The links will be emailed in Fr. Jay's weekly email as well as given to all those who attend the first 3 sessions. Fr. Jay will present in the evenings listed on the flier and Deacon Paul will present on the morning indicated on the flier.



*Eucharistic Lenten Series*

Join this dynamic study designed to help you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. We will be using the book "This is my Body", (given out at Christmas) & video series "Jesus & the Eucharist"

*Presented by Fr. Jay*  
Tuesday, Feb 20th 7PM - Book Chapter 1  
Tuesday, Feb 27th - 7PM - Book Chapter 2  
Tuesday, Mar 5th - 7PM - Book Chapter 3  
Tuesday, Mar 12th - 7PM - Video 6 - Story of Eucharist  
Wednesday, Mar 20th - 6:30PM - Video 7 - Bread for the Journey

*Presented by Deacon Paul*  
Every Monday, at 10AM  
from Feb 26th - Mar 25th  
Meeting at St. Joseph Parish Center



ST. JOSEPH & ST. MICHAEL PARISHES PRESENT:

*Parish Lenten*  
**MISSION**

PRAYER ADORATION WORSHIP  
FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

WITH MUSIC BY  
JOHN FINCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18TH	MARCH 19TH	MARCH 20TH
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:30AM
ST. MICHAEL	ST. JOSEPH	ST. MICHAEL



## *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

### **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.

High School Youth Group -  
Friday, March 8th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

Junior Youth Group -  
Friday, March 15th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



St. Joseph's Church  
St. Michael's Church and School



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[www.stjosephschurchfr.com](http://www.stjosephschurchfr.com)  
[www.smsfr.org](http://www.smsfr.org)

Fr. Jay's blog: [Fatherjaymello.wordpress.com](http://Fatherjaymello.wordpress.com)

### **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](http://stjosephschurchfr.weshareonline.org)  
St. Michael's: [smpfr.weshareonline.org](http://smpfr.weshareonline.org)

### **LENTEN FRIDAYS**

The following events are taking place on Fridays during Lent. Tickets are available in the parish office and after Masses.

#### **FISH AND CHIPS**

Sponsored by the Holy Ghost Committee  
Friday, February 23rd - 3-6PM  
\$20 per ticket

#### **CHOW MEIN**

Sponsored by the School  
Friday, March 1st - 4-6PM  
\$15 per ticket

#### **FISH AND CHIPS**

Friday, March 15th - 3-6PM  
\$20 per ticket

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

February 11, 2024

First Collection: \$4,318.00

Catholic University Collection: \$ 765.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:  
Church Maintenance Collection

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

February 11, 2024

First Collection: \$3,542.00

Catholic University Collection: \$ 312.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:  
Church Maintenance Collection

# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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Instagram: [saint\\_michael\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/saint_michael_school)

## FOLLOW SMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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](https://www.instagram.com/saint_michael_school)

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN 2024-2025

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. 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.



## Religious Education News

### Religious Ed Grades 1-7 NO Class

*Wednesday, February 21st*

*No Class, Vacation Week*

### Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

*Wednesday, February 28th - 6:15PM*

St. Joseph's Parish Center

### Confirmation Grade 9 Class

*Monday, March 4th - 7PM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

*Wednesday, March 6th - 6:15PM*

St. Joseph's Parish Center

### Confirmation Grade 8 Class

*Monday, March 11th - 7PM*

St. Michael's Hall

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*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**

### **Tuesday, February 20th**

9:00AM - Kenneth Furtado

### **Thursday, February 22nd**

9:00AM - Joao Oliveira Pavao, Intentions of family

### **Saturday, February 24th**

9:00AM - Fr. John J. Perry

### **Saturday, February 24th - Vigil Mass**

5:15PM - Dean Diogo

### **Sunday, February 25th - First Sunday of Lent**

7:00AM - Armindo and Maria Olivia Correia

10:45AM - Everett Mello, Deborah Piedade, Helen M. Rutkowski, Maria Silva

## **Mass Intentions - St. Michael's**

### **Monday, February 19th**

9:00AM - Intentions of Laurinda Aguiar

### **Wednesday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian**

9:00AM - For our Parish & School Community

### **Friday, February 23rd - St. Polycarp**

9:00AM - Antonio Marcelino Ferreira

### **Saturday, February 24th - Vigil Mass**

4:00PM - Jose and Rosalina Soares

### **Sunday, February 25th - Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30AM - Jose F. and Maria S. Moniz

12:00PM - Maria Helena e Miguel Aguiar, Maria Conceicao e Adelino Brilhante, Agostinho e Juvina Da Costa, Alfredo Tome, Genoveva e Alfredo Furtado, Isaura Rego, Alfredo e Adelina Moniz, Jacinto e Isabel Tome, Valter Tavares, Ruben Pacheco, Maria e Carlos Moniz, Isabel e Juvenal Rego, Liberia Sousa, Suzeta Cabral

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

## **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

**St. Joseph's** - Intentions of Grace & Junior Paquette

**St. Michael's** - Intentions of Maria Medeiros

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel** - Kevin Medeiros

## **MASSES 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 book will open for the second half of the year on **April 11th.**

## **SEXTAS-FEIRAS QUARESMAIS**

Os seguintes eventos acontecem às Sextas-Feiras durante a Quaresma. Os bilhetes estão disponíveis no escritório paroquial ou após das Missas.

### **PEIXE FRITO COM BATATA FRITA**

23 de Fevereiro - 3-6PM  
\$20 cada

### **CHOW MEIN**

1 de Março - 4-6PM  
\$15 cada

### **PEIXE FRITO COM BATATA FRITA**

15 de Março - 3-6PM  
\$20 cada

## **FESTA BRANCA**

Os bilhetes estão disponíveis para a nossa Festa Branca, que acontecerá no Sábado, 23 de Março, das 6 até 11 da noite. Os bilhetes são \$40 e incluem aperitivos, sopa, mar e terra, sobremesa e café. Haverá musica do Get Lucky the Band. Contacte a Mordoma Brittany Almeida ou o escritório para bilhetes.

## **CONFISSÕES PAROQUIAS**

No dia 6 de Março, haverá confissões em Portugues e também Ingles das 6:30 até 8 horas da noite, na igreja de S. Jose. Encorajo vivamente todos os paroquianos a aproveitar esta oportunidade, ou a confessar-se durante um dos horários de confissão regularmente programados.

## **GARRAFAS DE BEBE**

As nossas paróquias estão a participar numa campanha de garrafas de bebe, que apoiar o grupo “A Woman’s Concern”, que toma conta de mães que necessitam. Por favor, devolva todas as garrafas cheias de moedas à igreja até o dia 25 de Fevereiro.

## **MISSÃO DA QUARESMA**

Nesta Quaresma, convidei o músico Católico John Finch para visitar nossas paróquias para nossa Missão Quaresmal. A missão acontecerá na Segunda-Feira, 18 de Março na S. Miguel às 7PM, Terça-Feira, 19 de Março em S. Jose e na Quarta-Feira as 8:30AM em S. Miguel.

## **VIA SACRA**

Todas as Sextas-Feiras durante Quaresma, haverá a Via Sacra imediatamente após de Missa diária, as 9:30AM e na Igreja de S. Jose as 6:30PM. Todos estão encorajados em tomar parte.

## **MISSÃO QUARESMA PORTUGUESA**

As quatro paróquias Portuguesas da cidade de Fall River compartilharão uma Missão Quaresmal em Português. O Pregador será Pe. Thiago Santos. Todas as noites, de Segunda-Feira, 18 de Março, a Quinta-Feira, 21 de Março, consistirá com Confissões às 6PM, seguida de Missa às 7PM.

Segunda-feira: Espírito Santo

Terça-feira: São João de Deus

Quarta-feira: S. Antonio de Padua

Quinta-feira: Santo Cristo

## **QUARESMA**

A Quaresma é um momento especial de penitência, sacrifício e simplicidade de vida, para nos ajudar a abraçar a chamada do Senhor para a conversão. Cada um dos sacrificios que fazemos (as coias que “desistimos” pela Quaresma) são destinados a nos ajudar no processo de santificação—crescendo em santidade. Eu encorajo vos a manter-se fiel a esses sacrificios durante os 40 dias inteiros da Quaresma. Que sacrificios voluntários de grande benção podem ser para o nosso crescimento espiritual.