

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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

DECEMBER 11, 2022

## **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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### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve**

4PM - St. Joseph's

5:30PM - St. Michael's

#### **Christmas Day**

12AM Midnight Mass - St. Michael's (bilingual)

7AM - St. Joseph's (with Bishop DaCunha)

9AM - St. Michael's (Portuguese)

11AM - St. Joseph's

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

During December, 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.

### **GIFT OF GIVING 2022**

Please return all gift cards by the 7PM Mass on Sunday December 11, 2022.

### **RECENTLY MARRIED**

Congratulations to Scott Ramsay and Kimberly Ann Ramsay who recently had their marriage blessed at St. Michael's Church. If you would like to have your marriage blessed, please speak with Fr. Jay or contact the parish office.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Our High School Youth Group for kids in grades 8-12 will have its Christmas party on Friday, December 16th at 7PM at St. Michael's Hall. All youth are invited to attend this event.

### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions in both Portuguese and English on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:30-7:30PM.

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

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

December 12th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)  
- Confirmation Grade 8, 7PM (SM)

December 13th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)  
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)

December 14th - Rel. Ed Class, 6:15PM (SJ)  
- Advent Confessions,  
6:30-7:30PM (SJ)

December 16th - Youth Group, 7PM (SM)

December 17th - CYO/Futsal Mass, 9AM (SJ)  
- Soup Kitchen, 4:30PM (SM)

# ST. MICHAEL AND ST JOSEPH PARISHES CONFESSION GUIDE

**Examine your Conscience:** that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, see the “examination of conscience” guide on the back of this sheet. It’s even okay to **make a list** to bring with you to confession if that helps.

**1. BEGIN: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN!”**

**2. SAY: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was \_\_\_\_\_ (how long). These are my sins...”**

**3. CONFESSION OF SINS:** Tell Father your sins. **4. PENANCE.** Father will give you something to do or prayers to say. Listen carefully to your penance and do it right after your confession.

**5. ACT OF CONTRITION:** The Priest will then ask you to pray your Act of Contrition.

## ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

**6. ABSOLUTION.** The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray for God’s forgiveness

**7. CONCLUSION.** The priest will then likely say, “Your Sins are forgiven, Go in Peace.” To which you respond: **“Thanks be to God.”**

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR CONFESSIONS

**I. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**

Do I give time every day to God in prayer? Do I always put God first in my life

**II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Have I used the words "God" or "Jesus" in anger?  
Have I used foul or ugly language?

**III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

Have I missed Mass on Sunday or any holy day of obligation? Do I pay attention during Mass

**IV. Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I respect and obey my parents? Have I dishonored or mistreated them by my words or actions? Do I try to get along with my brothers and sisters? Am I a tattletale or bully?

**V. You shall not kill.**

Do I fight with or hurt others? Do I say cruel things, or make fun of others to hurt their feelings?

**VI. You shall not commit adultery.**

Do I treat my body and other people's bodies with care and respect? Do I look at television shows, movies, or pictures that are bad?

**VII. You shall not steal.**

Have I taken things that were not mine? Have I destroyed or misused another person's property? Do I return things that I borrow?

**VIII. You shall not commit false witness against your neighbor.**

Am I honest in my school work? Do I tell lies or exaggerate to make myself look good? Do I tell lies to protect myself from punishment?

**IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**


Do I allow my parents to spend time with one another, Do I get mad when I have to share my friends? Are there kids I will not play with or am mean to

**X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

Am I jealous or envious of the things or abilities that others have? Do I beg my parents for things my friends or other children have? Do I share the things I have with others?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**St. Joseph Parish**  
150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet



Containing images and details about the beautiful stained glass windows in our church, available now!  
\$20 each

**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.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



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Fr. Jay's Blog: [fatherjaymello.wordpress.com](http://fatherjaymello.wordpress.com)

**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

**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. We are now more than half way through a capital campaign to raise \$250,000. 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. There is a sample of this plaque in the entrance of our church. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$163,310.

**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.

**CHURCH SUPPORT  
ST. MICHAEL'S**

December 3-4, 2022

First Collection: \$4,176.00  
Monthly School Collection: \$ 787.00

Next week's Second Collection:  
Christmas Flower Memorials

**CHURCH SUPPORT  
ST. JOSEPH'S**

December 3-4, 2022

First Collection: \$2,870.00  
Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$ 917.00

Next week's Second Collection:  
Christmas Flower Memorials

# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. 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.

## SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA as your selected charity. Everytime you make a purchase on Amazon, start at [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com) and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School.

## SAVE THE DATE - WINE TASTING

Save the date of Saturday, February 4th for the 11th Annual St. Michael School Wine Tasting fundraiser. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this event.



## Religious Education News

### Confirmation Class, Grade 8

Monday, December 12th - 7-9PM

*St. Michael's Hall*

### Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 14th - 6:15-7:35PM

*St. Joseph's Hall*

### Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 21st - 6:15-7:35PM

*St. Joseph's Hall*

### Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th - 7PM

*St. Michael's Hall*

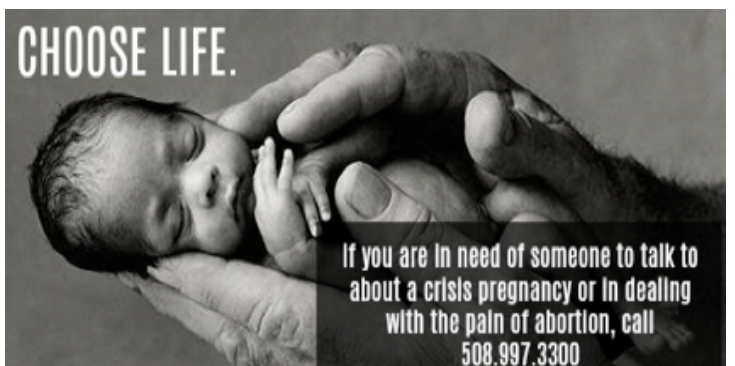
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For more information about Religious Education Grades 1-7, contact Lisa Ouellette at 508.567.3638.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please contact Ana Lucy Mello at 508.494.3916.

## PROJECT RACHEL FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS

The Family and Respect Life Office of Diocese of Fall River offers support for expecting mothers, mothers considering adoption and mothers healing from the trauma of abortion. If you would like more information, contact their office at 508.669.7702 or visit their website at [www.familyrespectlife.org](http://www.familyrespectlife.org)



## Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

### Tuesday, December 13th - St. Lucy

9:00AM - Kelly Braga

### Thursday, December 15th

9:00AM - Lea Premier, Jean Ives Lafleur

### Saturday, December 17th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Saturday, December 18th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira and family, Manuel and Celeste Nunes, Aaron Nunes, Sofia Aguiar and family, Frank Riley, 1st Anniversary

### Sunday, December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - William Burdick

10:45AM - Elaine Capeto, Joseph and Anna Machado, Scott Waite, Mark Mello

## MASS INTENTIONS 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 Mass book for January through June 2023 is now open.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Jose Matos Frias

St. Michael's - In Thanksgiving

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -  
Alfredo Furtado

## Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

### Monday, December 12th - O. L. of Guadalupe

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Wednesday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

### Friday, December 16th

9:00AM - Almas do Purgatorio

### Saturday, December 17th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Antonio F. Cabral, Ernesto Tavares, Miguel and Helena Aguiar and family, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Jean & Olive Mello and family, Joseph Correia, Massa Family, Jose & Diamantina Amaral, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Medeiros and family, Joao de Medeiros, William Cabral, Antonio Pereira and family, Virginia Reis and family, Jesse M. Aguiar, Joao DeMedeiros, John DeMedeiros, Joseph Felix, Olivia Felix, Mary Lou Pereira

### Sunday, December 18th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Diamantina Machado

12:00PM - Manuel Do Rego Pavao, Olivia Garcia e familia

7:00PM - Genoveva Furtado, Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Julian Rego, Sabrina Rego

## **ENSAIOS DO CORO DE NATAL**

Se gostava de cantar no coro de Natal, os ensaios começara no dia 1 de Dezembro.

S. Jose - Missa das 4PM - ensaio as 6:45PM

S. Miguel, Missa da Meia Noite - ensaio as 5:30PM

## **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.

## **SUPORTE A ESCOLA VIA AMAZON**

Visite [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) e entre St. Michael School, Fall River, MA como seu selecionado caridade. Toda vez que você faz uma compra na Amazon, comece em [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com) e eles doarão um porcentagem para compras qualificadas a serem doadas para Escola de Sao Miguel.

## **MEMORIAIS NATALICIOS**

Durante o mês de Dezembro, tanto nos envelopes de coleta quanto na parte de trás da igreja, encontrará envelopes comemorativos de Natal. Com estes envelopes, sua doação é solicitada pelas flores para decorar nosso santuário durante o Natal em memória de um ente querido. A lista com todos os nomes dos lembrados será publicada no dia de Natal. Agradecemos sua generosidade.

## **CARTAS DE OFERTA**

Por favor, devolva os cartões de oferta pelas famílias com necessidade até a Missa das 7 da noite, Domingo, dia 11 de Dezembro.

## **MISSAS DO NATAL**

### **Vigilia de Natal**

4PM - S. Jose

5:30PM - S. Miguel

### **Dia de Natal**

Missa de Meia Noite - S. Miguel (bilingual)

7AM - S. Jose (com Bispo daCunha)

9AM - S. Miguel (Portuguese)

11AM - S. Jose

## **A SAGRADA TEMPORADA DO ADVENTO**

A época santa do Advento é o período de quatro domingos antes do Natal. Advento significa 'Vindo' em latim. Esta temporada destina-se a nos preparar e a nos ajudar a refletir sobre a vinda de Jesus Cristo ao mundo, que são três. Os cristãos usam os quatro domingos do Advento para lembrar a primeira vinda de Cristo, o verdadeiro significado do Natal – o nascimento de nosso Senhor. A segunda vinda de Cristo acontece em cada Missa quando nosso Senhor se torna presente para nós no altar na Eucaristia. A terceira vinda de Cristo acontecerá no final dos tempos, quando Cristo retornar em glória. Durante este Santo Tempo do Advento, vamos preparar nossos corações para Cristo entrar em nossas vidas, cuidando de nossas vidas espirituais e nosso relacionamento com ele. Vamos recebê-lo com grande alegria.

## **ÁVORE DE OFERTAS**

Neste Advento, visite a Árvore de Doações na entrada de nossa Igreja para deixar um cartãopresente de qualquer denominação do Walmart, Target ou Amazon para ajudar uma família necessitada. Devolva todos os cartões-presente até 11 de Dezembro.

## **LADAINHA AO SANTÍSSIMO SACRAMENTO**

No tempo do Advento, em vez da antífona de entrada ser cantada antes da Missa, rezaremos a Ladainha ao Santíssimo Sacramento. Assim como Jesus encarnou na manhã de Natal, assim Ele se torna verdadeiramente presente para nós na Eucaristia em cada Missa.

## **CONFISSÕES ESTA QUARTA-FEIRA**

Que melhor maneira de se preparar para o Natal do que examinar nossas consciências e confessar para receber a misericórdia e o perdão de nosso Senhor. Teremos confissões ouvidas no seguinte Quarta-Feira, 14 de Dezembro, das 6:30-7:30PM. Haverá padres que falam Portugues disponível para ouvir confissões.