

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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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><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>

MARCH 20TH, 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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RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Caterina Rose Torres who was recently baptized at St. Joseph's Parish. With great joy, we welcome her into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

WHITE ATTIRE PARTY

The Holy Ghost Committee is hosting a "Festa Branca" or all White Attire Party on Saturday, March 26th at 6PM. Tickets are \$30 and include appetizers, soup, surf and turf, dessert and coffee, as well as live entertainment. Contact the parish office for tickets.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sunday, April 10th, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph's Church parking lot after 10:45AM Mass, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, we will be decorating eggs in the parish hall.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

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| March 21st | - Study Group, 10AM (SJ) |
| March 22nd | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| March 23rd | - Religious Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15PM
- Portuguese Mission, (SM)
Confession, 6PM
Mass, 7PM |
| March 25th | - Stations of the Cross,
9:30AM, 1:30PM (SM), 6PM (SJ) |
| March 26th | - White Attire Party, 6PM (SM) |

HOLY WEEK CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for Holy Week will take place on Thursday evenings. The St. Joseph's Choir will meet at 6:15PM and the bilingual St. Michael's Choir will meet at 7:15PM. Please see choir director Daniel Marshall for more information at dmarshall@musician.org.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

I would like to thank our parishioners for the very generous donations that were made for my college classmate, Fr. Volodymyr and his parish in Ukraine during this crisis. Together, we sent a total of \$3,624 to aid the people of Ukraine.

2022-2023 HOLY GHOST FEAST

The Mordomos will be announced at the Holy Ghost feast Mass and the Domingas for the next years Holy Ghost will be drawn on during Holy Ghost weekend on Pentecost Sunday in the Parish hall at 7PM. Domingas assist the Mordomos in a year of service to our parish through fundraising events, and ending with seven weeks of prayer and crowning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in being Mordomos or would like more information about having a Dominga, please contact Father Jay directly for more information.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

On Sunday April 3, there will be an all parish listening session as part of the diocesan stage of the synod called for by the pope. Parishioners are encouraged to voice their thoughts on what they need from the church in order to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This will take place in the parish hall at St. Joseph's immediately following the 10:45am Mass. All are invited to attend and participate.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

From Fr. Jay - Lent and Almsgiving

I want to thank everyone for the generous response to the appeal for those in the Ukraine, especially my classmate Fr. Volodymer. Through your generosity, we were able to send over \$3500 to those suffering in that region. In addition to our financial support, let us also remain diligent in our daily prayers for peace.

This opportunity to help those in need is very practical way to put into action the Lenten mandate of "almsgiving." It isn't a word that we use very often, but "almsgiving" is certainly very much a part of who we are and who we are called to be, namely, generous people who act charitably to those who are less fortunate.

Usually when people hear the word, "Almsgiving" they naturally think of Lent, and perhaps associate it with meatless Fridays, fish fry's, rice bowls and other Lenten practices. But acts of charity are clearly meant to be ingrained into the fabric of who we are as Christians throughout the entire year. It is an integral part of our spiritual lives and not just the social work of the church. It is something that, if done with the right intentions, can lead us into a deeper relationship with our Lord. Let us remember what our Lord said to us on Ash Wednesday about Almsgiving - "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." In other words, let us not publicize or draw attention to our generosity or do it so that others will know about.

It is an outward sign of love for one another, which originates in some act of sacrifice of our own goods or time. But it isn't just about helping others, there are also spiritual benefits for ourselves. In the act of making a sacrifice to give to another, we are saying, I will go without something I want or need to help someone less fortunate, and in doing so, we become more like our Lord.

The Church defines almsgiving as a witness to fraternal charity and a work of justice pleasing to God (Catechism, 2462). Practically speaking, it is the act of donating money or food or clothing to the poor. The Latin origin of the word is rooted in the meaning of "mercy" – hence these acts of generosity are corporal works of mercy.

Let us find creative ways to make sacrifices and to use what we are giving up to not only benefit those who are in need, but also draw us closer to our Lord, whose example we are trying to imitate.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

During Lent, Deacon Paul is leading a study on the Seven Last Words of Christ- the seven short sentences uttered by Jesus as he endured his crucifixion on Mondays during Lent from 10:00 am-11:30 am at St. Josephs Hall. If there is enough interest, it will also be offered Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

PORTUGUESE LENTEN MISSION

The four Portuguese parishes of the city of Fall River will share one Lenten Mission in Portuguese. The Preacher will be Fr. Antonio Medeiros. Each night, from Monday, March 21 through Thursday, March 24, the schedule will consist of Confessions at 6PM, with Mass following at 7PM.

Monday: Espirito Santo

Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua

Wednesday: St. Michael

Thursday: Santo Christo

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's—9:30AM (Port.)

1:30PM (with school)

St. Joseph's— 6:00PM

DEANERY LENTEN MISSION

The Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission is coming up from April 4th-7th with guest homilist Rev. Richard Martignetti on the Wounded Heart: Reflecting on the 5 Wounds of Christ. Each night confessions will be available from 6-6:45PM, and Mass will begin at 7PM. Daily, Mass will also be available at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12:00PM.

Monday, 4/4 - Holy Trinity (Stafford Road)

Tuesday, 4/5 - St. Joseph's (North Main Street)

Wednesday, 4/6 - Holy Name (Hanover Street)

Thursday, 4/7 - St. Anthony of the Desert (Eastern Ave)
(Fall River)

CONFESSIONS

An integral part of the Lenten Season is repenting of our sinful behaviors. I strongly encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the many opportunities 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

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 have begun a capital campaign to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. 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. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$91,200.

Sharing Our Faith

Adult Faith Formation Series

Presented by Jean Revil
Director of Adult Faith Formation
Wednesdays at 6:30PM
St. Joseph School

April 27th - *Why A Church?*

This is the Church that Jesus Christ founded. Everything we do as "church" opens us up to the grace of God, especially in the Sacraments. This is the way Christ has chosen to remain with us and in us. This session takes a look at His plan.

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

Religious Education News

Grades 1-7, Class

Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's Church

Grades 1-7, Class

Wednesday, March 30th - 6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's Church

Grades 1-7, No Class

Wednesday, April 6th
NO Class due to Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal

Saturday, April 2nd - 9AM-5PM
St. Joseph's School

Confirmation

Wednesday, April 6th - 7PM
St. Joseph's Church

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

March 12-13, 2022

First Collection: \$4,110.00
Monthly School Collection: \$1,270.00

Next Week's Second Collection:
Diocesan Assessment Collection

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

March 12-13, 2022

First Collection: \$2,811.00
Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 794.00

Next Week's Second Collection:
Diocesan Assessment Collection



St. Joseph Church Fall River, Massachusetts

March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday

Dear St Joseph's Parishioner,

This past summer, I announced the planning for our 150th anniversary as a parish which will be celebrated in 2023. I explained the need to begin a capital campaign to raise \$250K to make necessary repairs to the exterior of both the church and parish office buildings, the completion of our organ restoration, a new tabernacle and the financial stability of our parish.

Today, I write to you again to provide you an update on the first six months of this two-year campaign and the progress that has been made thus far. I want to begin by thanking each family that has made a donation or pledge to this important restoration project. With the rising costs of housing, groceries and gasoline, I know that for many it is a sacrifice to make such generous donations, and I want to say thank you for such incredible kindness. As of today, the campaign has raised \$86,830 which puts us slightly ahead of schedule.

I hope you would all agree that the work done to the exterior of the church, the trim around the roof and windows, the doors and the parish office look beautiful. While the painting came in under budget, the necessary carpentry repairs were much more extensive and more costly. We budgeted \$150K for the project, but the actual cost was \$181,568. I am currently getting closer to securing a new Tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament and the 3rd stage of the organ restoration is currently underway. This stage should hopefully be completed before Easter.

An important part of the campaign was folding our annual appeal for this past year and next year into the campaign, so that I was not asking for financial assistance twice. The annual appeal is an integral part of our annual budget, especially this year as the cost of oil has hit us hard which was compounded by a number of weekend snow storms and lower than normal Mass attendance.

As we enter into the second quarter of this important campaign, I want to humbly appeal to all parishioners to support this campaign. There are red Capital Campaign envelopes in your monthly envelope packet and also in the back of the church. As always, please know of my daily prayers for each of you, for your good health, for your families and that each day you may grow closer to the Lord.

God Bless each of you!



Fr. Jay

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, March 22nd

9:00AM - Isaura Amarelo and Fernando Amarelo

Thursday, March 24th - St. Oscar Romero

9:00AM - Rick and Linda McCarthy

Saturday, March 26th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, March 26th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Susan Anderson

Sunday, March 27th - 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - For the People of our Parish

10:45AM - Edward Lemieux, Elaine Capeto, Anna and Joseph Machado, Edward Sullivan

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, March 21st

9:00AM - Manuel Pavao Farias and family

Wednesday, March 23rd - St. Turibius

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, March 25th - Annunciation of the Lord

9:00AM - Silvana Barreira, Pelas Almas

Saturday, March 26th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Jose and Diamantina Amaral

Sunday, March 27th - 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - Mariano & Delta Moniz, Gina Almeida, Jose S. Mendes, Maddox Almeida, Armindo Correia, Genoveva & Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Joao & John DeMedeiros & family, Antonio & Maria Isabel Aguiar & family, Laureana & Antonio Camara, Maria & Antonio Aguiar, Maria J. Correia, Francisco Carvalho, Simao Arruda & family, Mariano & Conceicao Moniz, Jose & Margarida Martins, Nashwa Holt, Charles A. Parker, Octavio Raposo, Ernesto & Jorgina Medeiros, Agostinho Sousa, Maria do Carmo & Antonio Frizado, Maria & Henrique Duarte and family, Anibal, Jose, Ines Duarte, Int. Manuel & Herminia Tavares

12:00PM - Joao Andrade e familia

7:00PM - Domingos Manuel & Maria Espirito Santo Medeiros

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Elaine Capeto, Joseph & Anna Machado

St. Michael's - Manuel & Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Peter Creador

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

Intentions of Dr. And Mrs. Mustafa Ali and family

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 Mass book currently open for Masses through June 2022.

Do Pe. Jay - Quaresma e Esmola

Quero agradecer a todos pela generosa resposta ao apelo dos que estão na Ucrânia, especialmente ao meu colega Pe. Volodímero. Através de sua generosidade, conseguimos enviar mais de \$3,500 para aqueles que sofrem naquela região. Além de nosso apoio financeiro, também permanecemos diligentes em nossas orações diárias pela paz.

Esta oportunidade de ajudar os necessitados é uma maneira muito prática de colocar em ação o mandato quaresmal de “esmola”. Não é uma palavra que usamos com muita frequência, mas “esmola” certamente faz parte de quem somos e de quem somos chamados a ser, ou seja, pessoas generosas que agem caridosamente com aqueles que são menos afortunados.

Normalmente, quando as pessoas ouvem a palavra “Esmola”, elas naturalmente pensam na Quaresma e talvez a associam a sextas-feiras sem carne, peixes fritos, tigelas de arroz e outras práticas da Quaresma. Mas os atos de caridade são claramente destinados a serem enraizados no tecido de quem somos como cristãos durante todo o ano. É uma parte integral de nossa vida espiritual e não apenas o trabalho social da igreja. É algo que, se feito com as intenções corretas, pode nos levar a um relacionamento mais profundo com nosso Senhor. Lembremo-nos do que nosso Senhor nos disse na quarta-feira de cinzas sobre a esmola: “não deixe sua mão esquerda saber o que sua mão direita está fazendo”. Em outras palavras, não divulguemos ou chamemos a atenção para nossa generosidade ou o façamos para que outros saibam.

É um sinal externo de amor mútuo, que se origina em algum ato de sacrifício de nossos próprios bens ou tempo. Mas não se trata apenas de ajudar os outros, também há benefícios espirituais para nós mesmos. No ato de fazer um sacrifício para dar a outro, estamos dizendo: ficarei sem algo que quero ou preciso para ajudar alguém menos afortunado e, ao fazê-lo, nos tornamos mais semelhantes ao nosso Senhor.

A Igreja define a esmola como um testemunho de caridade fraterna e uma obra de justiça agradável a Deus (Catecismo, 2462). Praticamente falando, é o ato de doar dinheiro ou alimentos ou roupas para os pobres. A origem latina da palavra está enraizada no significado de “misericórdia” – portanto, esses atos de generosidade são obras de misericórdia corporais.

Encontremos maneiras criativas de fazer sacrifícios e usar o que estamos abrindo mão para não apenas beneficiar os necessitados, mas também nos aproximar de nosso Senhor, cujo exemplo estamos tentando imitar.

FESTA BRANCA

A Mordomia do Espírito Santo está organizando uma “Festa Branca” no Sábado, 26 de Março, às 6 horas da tarde. Os bilhetes são \$30 e incluem aperitivos, sopa, surf e turf, sobremesa e café, além de entretenimento ao vivo. Entre em contato com a secretaria paroquial ou Venilia no 508.677.3223 para obter bilhetes.

VIA SACRA

Há muitas oportunidades para rezar a Via Sacra durante a Quaresma. Junte-se a nós todas as sextas-feiras da Quaresma.

São Miguel - 9:30AM (Port.) 1:30PM (com a escola)

São José - 6:00PM

CONFISSÕES

Uma parte integrante da Quaresma é o arrependimento de nossos comportamentos pecaminosos. Eu encorajo fortemente todos os paroquianos a aproveitarem esta oportunidade, e se confessarem durante um dos horários regulares de confissão.

Terça-feira - 6-6:45PM, São José

Quarta-feira - 5-5:20PM, São Miguel

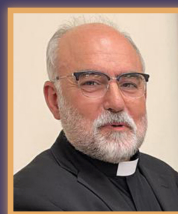
Sábado - 9:30-10:30AM, São José

3-3:30PM, São Miguel

ENSAIOS DO CORO

Os ensaios para a Semana Santa acontecerão às Quintas-Feiras à noite. O Coro de São Jose se reunirá às 6:15PM e o coro bilíngue de São Miguel se reunirá às 7:15PM. Todos estão convidados. Por favor, falam com o diretor do coral Daniel Marshall para mais informações.

Palestra Quaresmal



Pregador: Padre Antonio Medeiros
Reitor do Seminário Redemptoris Mater

Confissões: 6-7PM
Missa com Pregação: 7PM

21 de Março até 24 de Março

Segunda-Feira: Espírito Santo, Alden Street
Terça-Feira: Santo Antônio de Pádua, Bedford Street
Quarta-Feira: São Miguel, Essex Street
Quinta-Feira: Santo Cristo, Columbia Street



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