

# 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 12, 2021

## **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 Nash Miranda and Wyatt Miranda who were recently baptized at St. Joseph's parish and Emmett Thomas who was 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 office.

### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**

Multiple priests will be present to hear Confessions on Wednesday evening, December 15th at St. Joseph's Church from 6:30PM - 8:00PM. Please see the Confession Guide and Examination of Conscience.

### **WELCOMING PEOPLE TO MASS AT CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for us to be witnesses of our Catholic Faith and to invite others to share our joy. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, I invite you to consider two things: First, making a deliberate point to invite people to join you for Mass this Christmas. We have all heard the expression, "Keep Christ in Christmas" but let us also remember to "Keep Mass in Christmas" (Christmas is Christ's Mass). Your simple invitation can have a huge impact on one's life. Second, let us remember the virtue of hospitality. There are many guests who will be joining us for Mass on Christmas who are not normally here. Let us give them a reason to want to come back next Sunday - a warm welcome to our Church and parish community. Please extend that hospitality to the parking lot as well! Be joyful! Be welcoming!

### **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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| December 13th | - Study Group, 10AM<br>- Confirmation Gr. 8, 7PM (SM)  |
| December 14th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)<br>- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)                                  |
| December 15th | - Confessions, 5-5:30PM (SM)<br>- Rel. Ed., Grades 1-7, 6:15PM (SJ)<br>- Advent Confessions, 6:30PM (SJ) |
| December 18th | - Soup Kitchen, 4:30PM (SM)  |

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve**

4PM - St. Joseph's

5:30PM - St. Michael's (English)

#### **Midnight Mass**

12:00AM - St. Michael's (bilingual)

#### **Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day**

7:00AM - St. Joseph's

9:00AM - St. Michael's (Portuguese)

11:00AM - St. Joseph's

**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?

## 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. As explained in the letter by Fr. Jay, we will be having a capital campaign to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our past and prepare for the future. 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 \$55,120.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioners, Jarred and Jennifer Hastie and Brittany Monteiro to St. Michael's Parish. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

## CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 9th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2021. We invite all families who had children baptized to either the 9:30AM Mass at St. Michael's or the 10:45AM Mass at St. Joseph's. At the end of Mass, families will be invited to stand for a special blessing, that the Lord continue to bless them as they strive to raise their children in the faith. If you need to have your child baptized, please speak directly to Fr. Jay or call the parish office.

## MASS DURING SNOW STORMS

As we enter the winter season and inclement weather, please be advised that daily Mass will be cancelled if school is cancelled. All Mass intentions will be rescheduled. Weekend Masses will not be cancelled unless such severe conditions warrant a driving ban. Please use prudence and safety!

## AMAZON SMILE TO SUPPORT SMS

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Michael School" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone,
2. Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features,
3. Select "St. Michael School" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



### *Adult Faith Formation Series*

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

January 13th - Science and Religion

Many people think that religion and science are opposed to each other. Not true.

This session will examine how they are partners on the search for truth... which is ultimately the search for God.

## 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.

## 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. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Michael's school has open enrollment for Pre-K. Our pre-school program takes students ages 3 and 4, and there are limited spots available. To schedule a tour, please call the school office today 508.678.0266 or speak directly with Fr. Jay.

## PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten will open on January 6th. Please let your family and friends with young children to save that date. 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.



  
PRE-REGISTRATION  
for  
Pre-K & Kindergarten  
begins  
JANUARY 6TH!  
Call 508.678.0266  
or visit  
[www.smsfr.org](http://www.smsfr.org)  
for more information.

## Religious Education News

### Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 15th - 6:15-7:35PM  
St. Joseph's School

### Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 22nd - No Class

### Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, December 13th - 7:00-8:30PM  
St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, January 10th - 7:00-8:30PM  
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.

If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education, please do so by contacting the Religious Education Coordinator as soon as possible.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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[www.smpfr.org](http://www.smpfr.org)

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

Fr. Jay's Blog:

[fatherjaymello.wordpress.com](http://fatherjaymello.wordpress.com)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 11th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Nicholas Tyrrell, Gilberto Vieira, Doris Stevens, Antonio V. Amaral, Fr. John Andrews, Abel and Maria C. Oliveira, Katherine Danehy, Lucille Pepin

### Sunday, December 12th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - John and Gertrude Lawrence

10:45AM - Mary St. Laurent

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

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

### Thursday, December 16th

9:00AM - Dionisio and Maria N. Pacheco and family

### Saturday, December 18th

9:00AM - Joseph and Doris Stevens, James Michalski Sr., Barbara Turner

### Saturday, December 18th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - June Roberts

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

7:00AM - George Arruda, Norman L. Rivard, Edward Gosselin, Alice E. Diniz, Normand Pelletier

10:45AM - Serafim and Maria Rezendes, Arthur Rezendes

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 11th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Tony Costa

### Sunday, December 12th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Peter C. Rego, Jose S. Mendes, Taylor Patricio, Miguel Sousa, Genoveva, Alfredo Furtado, Isaura Rego, Jose Creador, Manuel & Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Jacinto & Maria dos Anjos, Pedro & Melanie Creador, Antonio & Mario Aguiar, Mary Jose Correia, Jose & Diamantina Rego, Natalia Silva, Jeffrey Martins, Margarida Resendes, Theodore Bernier, Francisco Carlos, Jesse M. Aguiar, Jose Carlos Fernando, Maria & Luisa Martins, The Correia family, Valentina Oliveira, Christopher Durand, Mariano & Conceicao Moniz, Luis & Maria Botelho, Joao, Antonio & Conceicao Rego, Isidro & Joao Teixeira, Francisco Carvalho, Raul Medeiros & family, Antonio Paulos, Juzuina Medeiros, Ernest Tavares

12:00PM - Joao M Rego, John DaSilva, Alvaro, Palmira Luciana e Al Carvalho, Joao e Germana Medeiros, Ernesto Tavares, Kimberly Dias, Eulalia Barao e familia, Maria Moniz, Rosa Ferreira e familia, Antonina & Mariano Sousa, Jose Teixeira e familia, Maria Jesus Freitas e familia, Jose Matos Frias e familia, Jose Luis Cabral, Joao Oliveira, intenções da esposa, Intenções de Jonas Sousa

7:00PM - Maddox Almeida, Maria e Horacio Barao

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

9:00AM - Hermano Alves, Abel Matias, All Souls

### Wednesday, December 15th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

### Friday, December 17th

9:00AM - Pelo Conversão dos Pecadores

### Saturday, December 18th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Michael and Helena Aguiar

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

9:30AM - Diamantina Machado

12:00PM - Moises Barbosa, João M. Camara

7:00PM - Fr. John Andrews

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 4-5, 2021

First Collection: \$3,770.00

Monthly School Collection: \$ 743.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:

Building Maintenance  
(Non-Assessable)

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 4-5, 2021

First Collection: \$2,510.00

Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$ 820.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:

Building Maintenance  
(Non-Assessable)

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Jose M. Frias

St. Michael's - Tony Costa

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Joseph & Anna Machado

## **CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO EM PORTUGUES**

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Quarta-Feira, 15 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 8:00, 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 estar presentes. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Terça-Feira, 14 de Dezembro—Espírito Santo, 7PM  
Quarta-Feira, 15 de Dezembro - Santo Cristo entre as 11 da manhã e meio dia.

## **SAGRADA COMUNHÃO E MASCARAS**

Mascaras para os vacinados não serão mais necessários, embora as pessoas devam se sentir confortáveis para fazer o que acharem melhor. Mais uma vez, peço que quem usa máscara a tire antes de receber a Sagrada Comunhão, para não correr o risco de deixar cair a Hóstia Sagrada. Agora temos permissão para usar nossos hinários / missaletes para as leituras e música e, portanto, não teremos mais ajudas de adoração online. Água benta foi colocada de volta nas fontes e todos são convidados a retornar à prática normal de se abençoar ao entrar e sair da igreja.

## **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.

## **ÁVORE DE OFERTAS**

Neste Advento, visite a Árvore de Doações na entrada de nossa Igreja para deixar um cartão-presente de qualquer denominação do Walmart, Target ou Amazon para ajudar uma família necessitada. Devolva todos os cartões-presente até 12 de Dezembro.

## **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.

## **MISSAS DE NATAL**

### **Sexta-Feira, dia 24 de Dezembro - Vigilia**

4PM - São José

5:30PM - São Miguel (Inglês)

### **Missa de Meia Noite**

12:00AM - São Miguel (bilingual)

### **Sábado, dia 25 de Dezembro - Natal**

7:00AM - São José

9:00AM - São Miguel (Português)

11:00AM - São José

## **ADORAÇÃO EUCARISTICA**

### **Igreja de São Miguel**

Capela aberta de 8AM até 8PM  
todos os dias

### **Igreja de São José**

Hora Santa com Confissões  
Terças-feiras entre 6 e 7 da tarde