

# SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT JOSEPH PARISHES



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<b><u>ADORATION</u></b>	<b><u>HOLY MASS</u></b>		<b><u>CONFESSIONS</u></b>
<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.)  <b>No 7:00PM during summer.</b></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.

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [fatherjaymello@gmail.com]

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Ms. Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation [jrevil@comcast.net]

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioners, Richard and Diane Torres, to St. Joseph's Parish. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

In a joint effort with St. Michael's and St. Joseph's, there will be a special visitor on Sunday, December 16th at St. Michael School. 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.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

- December 2nd — Holy Ghost Christmas Luncheon  
1PM (SM)
- December 3rd — School PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)
- December 4th — Adoration, 6-7PM (SJ)  
— Bible Study, 9:30AM and 7PM (SJ)
- December 5th — Adoration, 9AM-5:30PM  
— Rel. Ed. Grades 1-7, 6:15-7:35PM (SJ)  
— Share Our Faith, 6:30PM (SJ)
- December 7th — First Friday Devotions,  
Adoration and Confession 5-6PM  
Mass, 6PM (SJ)  
— Youth Group LaSalette Trip, 6PM (SJ)
- December 8th — Jr. Youth Group Christmas Party,  
7-9PM (SM)
- December 9th — Second Sunday Social,  
after all Masses (SJ)  
— Confirmation Class, Grade 9  
4:30-6:45PM (SM)

### WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS

As I mentioned, with the closing of St. Anne's, Holy Rosary and Holy Cross (in addition to St. Bernadette's this Summer), I would encourage you to reach out to your friends and family who might be a member of one of those Churches that is closing and invite them to join us here at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's. Let each of us pray for those who belong to those parishes who are losing their parishes.

### GIVING TREE

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 9th**.

### ANNUAL APPEAL ENDS SOON

The St. Joseph Parish Annual Appeal will end on Monday December 3rd. We are just short of reaching our goal of matching last year's total of \$13,040, with **\$10,880.00** raised so far. The annual appeal collection helps with the costs of maintaining our parish and beautiful church. If you have not already contributed to this important collection, I ask you to generously do so before December 3rd. Annual Appeal envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

### 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.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Joseph's on December 12th 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.

**PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS**

What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. The following opportunities are available for confessions in both English and Portuguese.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th 7PM—**Espirito Santo**  
Wednesday, Dec. 12th 7PM—**St. Anthony**  
Thursday, Dec. 13th 11AM & 7PM—**Santo Christo**

**FOUR REASONS FOR THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST**

This year, during the four Sundays of Advent, the homily will focus on the four reasons that Jesus Christ, the Son of God took on human flesh. With the profession of the Creed each Sunday, we profess our belief that, "*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*" The reasons for the incarnation are explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, they are: 1.) The Word became flesh for us *in order to save us by reconciling us with God*; 2.) The Word became flesh so *that thus we might know God's love*; 3.) The Word became flesh *to be our model of holiness*; and 4.) The Word became flesh to make us "*partakers of the divine nature*".

1.) **The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God**, who loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. The Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world, and he was revealed to take away sins. St Gregory of Nyssa explained that, "Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy state.

**JR. YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS**

Christmas Fun Night—On Saturday, December 8th, from 7-9PM all children in grades 5-7 are invited to St. Michael's Hall for a Christmas Movie Night, complete with milk, cookies and cupcakes.

**YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS**

LaSalette Christmas Lights trip—On Friday, December 7th, our youth group will visit LaSalette to see the Christmas lights and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, departing from St. Michael's Church at 6PM. All youth interested in attending must RSVP with the parish office, at 508.672.6713, to reserve transportation.

**THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT**

The Season of Advent begins this 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 did the last two 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 for weeks of Advent

**SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

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.

## **“APPLYING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS”**

The next topic in our Adult Faith Formation Series is “Applying the 10 Commandments to the Real Life of our Families” on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30PM at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall. Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation will be presenting on this and a number of topics to help our parishioners grow in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. I encourage you to attend these nights and learn more about your faith.

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful devotion to the redemptive love of our Lord that is celebrated on the First Friday of each month. The Saint who is most often associated with this devotion is St. Margaret Mary Alacoque [1647-1690] who popularized the devotion after receiving a vision of the Sacred Heart. The First Friday’s Men’s Group of Fall River have been having their gatherings at St. Joseph’s for some time, but I want to open this to all parishioners and encourage this devotion as a way of growing in our love for the Lord. On Friday, December 7th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 5-6pm and then Holy Mass at 6pm. This will continue on the First Friday of each Month. Please make an effort to attend.

## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Masses are scheduled as follows.

**St. Joseph’s Church**  
12/7—6PM (Vigil)  
12/8—9AM

## **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group in the parish that works together to assist those who are in need in our parish and in our community. As the holidays and winter months draw near, we find a greater need for donations to assist in our charitable giving. If you would like to make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul” or see Father Jay.

## **LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

The Lector workbooks for 2019 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.

## **LECTORS NEEDED**

Proclaiming the Word of God at Holy Mass is a great honor as well as a wonderful way to serve the parish community. If you are interested in serving our Lord in this way, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Jay directly.

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which an adult becomes a full member of the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, would like to explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, please contact the Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil at [jrevil@comcast.net](mailto:jrevil@comcast.net) to register for classes or to seek more information.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, will take place on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph’s school, focusing on the following week’s readings. For more information, please see Jean Revil or Fr. Jay.

### **MY PARISH APP**

Our new St. Joseph & St. Michael Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Face-book or Twitter. Download our app today at [myparish-happ.com](http://myparish-happ.com) or search your phone’s app store for myparish, or **by texting the word APP to 88202 from your smart phone**. Download the App, and select —St. Joseph and St. Michael Parish App from the list of available parishes.

### **LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA**

You will notice at the main entrance of the Church a display class with CDs from Lighthouse Media. These are inspiration and education CDs from well known Catholic Speakers to help each of us learn more about and grow in our faith. Each CD is only \$3. These are great for listening in the car on the way to work, or to give as a small gift to someone who might need some encouragement in their faith.

### **SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL**

On December 9th, and the Second Sunday of each month, refreshments are offered in the parish hall to build community among parishioners. Stop by after the Sunday Morning Masses for pastry and coffee and fellowship.

### **ST. MICHAEL’S SOUP KITCHEN**

On December 15th, our parishes will work together to provide for those who are less fortunate in our community. In addition to a hot meal, non-perishable food and clothing is also given out. If you are interested in helping, show up between 2-6pm at the St. Michael’s hall on the third Saturday of each month.

# SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL



## OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 27th from 10:30AM-2PM. 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 school as we make an effort to increase enrollment, especially among families in our own parish.

## MRS. MARY WICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mary Wick was a dedicated parishioner involved in many different things at St. Michael's parish, including teaching in our parish school for many years. It was Mary's wish that a scholarship be started in her name to assist families with the cost of tuition. If you would like to remember and honor Mary in this way, please make checks payable to the "Mrs. Mary Wick Scholarship." Donations can be mailed in the parish, placed in the collection basket or given directly to Fr. Jay. Let us all remember Mary and all the good she has done!

## 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>

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You may have noticed in the back of our church, a plastic Box Top collection box. Certain grocery goods, such as cereal, butter, baking supplies and more have "Box Tops" on them. Please cut them out and return them to this box to make a donation to St. Michael's School.

# Save the Date



Saint Michael School  
Wine Tasting

February 2, 2018

## Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Religious Ed. Class  
**Wednesday, December 5th—6:15-7:35PM**  
*St. Joseph's School*

Share Our Faith  
*"Applying the Ten Commandments"*  
**Wednesday, December 5th—6:30PM**  
*St. Joseph's School*

Religious Ed. Class  
**Wednesday, December 12th—6:15-7:35PM**  
*St. Joseph's School*

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Lisa Ouellette at [louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org](mailto:louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org) or 508.567.3638.

## Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Confirmation Class—Grade 9  
**Sunday, December 9th—4:30-6:45PM**  
*St. Michael's Hall*

Confirmation Class—Grade 8  
**Sunday, December 16th—4:30-6:45PM**  
*St. Michael's Hall*

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Mello at [analuciamello@gmail.com](mailto:analuciamello@gmail.com) or 508.494.3916.



If you are in need of someone to talk to about a crisis pregnancy, or in dealing with the pain of abortion, call 508.997.3300.

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, December 1st—Vigil Mass**

5:15PM—Louis Fernandes

### **Sunday, December 2nd—First Sunday of Advent**

7:00AM—Delores Cunha, 18th Anniversary

10:45AM—David Cordeiro Miranda

### **Tuesday, December 4th—St. John Damascene**

9:00AM—Anna Natale

### **Thursday, December 6th—St. Nicholas**

9:00AM—Jose C. and Lydia Oliveira

### **Saturday, December 8th—Immaculate Conception**

9:00AM—Louis Boyle

### **Saturday, December 8th—Vigil Mass**

5:15PM—For the People of our Parish

### **Sunday, December 9th—Second Sunday of Advent**

7:00AM—Jose M. Frias

10:45AM—For those who died in November, especially Anna Cloutier and Mary Correia

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*For the Intentions of*  
The People of Our Parish



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

November 24-25, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$2,288.00

Church Maintenance Fund: \$ 792.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transfer to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transfer to Diocese)

Third Phase:

Organ Restoration Fund \$3,307.00 of \$17,500.00

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, December 1st—Vigil Mass**

4:00PM—Raul Medeiros and family

### **Sunday, December 2nd—Christ the King**

9:30AM—Jose and Diamantina do Rego, Natalia Silva, Jeffrey Martins

12:00PM—Clementina Resendes, Antonio Joaquim Resendes

7:00PM—Manuel, Maria, Claudio, Manuel, Zelia Leite, Iberia, Gabriela, Amelia Furtado, All Souls in Purgatory

### **Monday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier**

9:00AM—Jorgina Amaro e família

### **Wednesday, December 5th—St. Gerald**

8:30AM—Rev. Francisco Flores

### **Friday, December 7th—St. Ambrose**

9:00AM—Abel Matias, Hermano Alves, Almas do Purgatorio

### **Saturday December 8th—Vigil Mass**

4:00PM—Antonio F. Cabral, Richard Powell, Maria

Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Antonio and Maria Isabel Aguiar and family, Diamantina and Jose Amaral, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Jose Fonseca and family, Leontina Bizarro and Antonio Ambrosio, Cesar and John Aguiar, Manuel Pereira, Robert Botelho, Carlos Alves, Alfredo Delia Peixoto, Aurelia Soares, Maria de Gloria Reis, Firmino Sousa and family, Intentions of family, Intentions of Vieira family

### **Sunday, December 9th—Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30AM—For those who died in November, especially Maria Correia, Manuel Gaspar, Clara Cabral

12:00PM—Almino Botelho and family, Joao M. Rego, John DaSilva, Jacinto e Angelina Silva, Agostinho e Paixao Silva, Alex Silva, Angela Coimbra e família, Antonio Medeiros, Manuel Camara, Frank Cabral, Jose Domingos Cabral, Palmira Luciana e Alvaro Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Hortensia e Manuel Ledo e família, Rachel Fernandes Cordeiro, Maria de Deus Linhares, Manuel Jose Verissimo e família, Maria da Luz Furtado, Maria dos Anjos, Guilherme Tavares, Maria Dias, Guilherme Dias, Jose Dias, Nikita Dias, Maria Isabel Dias, Manuel Camara, Joao Oliveira, Intencoes de esposa, Intencoes de Joao Manuel Borges e familia

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Intenções de*  
Maria Moniz

### CHAPEL LAMP

*Em Memoria de*  
Mateus Lubold

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

November 24-25, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$3,276.00

Church Maintenance Fund: \$1,521.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transfer to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transfer to Diocese)

## **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 dias 9-10 de Dezembro.

## **CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO**

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Quarta-Feira, 12 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 7:30. 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. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Terça-Feira, 11 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Espírito Santo  
Quarta-Feira, 12 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Santo Antonio  
Quinta-Feira, 13 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Santo Cristo

## **DOAÇÕES PARA A ESCOLA**

Se gostaria de fazer uma pequena doação para a escola de São Miguel, estão aceitando ofertas para as aulas, especialmente suprimentos sanitárias (lenços de nariz, Clorox toalhetes, desinfetante de mão, toalhas de papel, "baby wipes") para o próximo ano. Por favor, traga a sua doação diretamente para a escola ou no átrio da igreja depois da Missa.

## **"BOX TOPS" PARA EDUCAÇÃO**

Podem ter notado na entrada da nossa igreja, uma caixa plastica com a placa dos "Box Tops". Certos produtos de mercearia, tais como cereais, manteiga, suprimentos e muito mais têm "Box Tops" sobre eles. Por favor, corte-os para fora e devolvê-los nesta caixa para fazer uma doação para St. Michael's School.

## **BOLSA DE ESTUDO EM NOME DE SRA. WICK**

A Sra. Mary Wick era uma dedicada paroquiano envolvida em muitas coisas diferentes na Paróquia de S. Miguel, incluindo o ensino em nossa escola paroquial por muitos anos. Era desejo de Mary que uma bolsa de estudos fosse iniciada em seu nome para ajudar as famílias com o custo das propinas. Se gostaria de lembrar e honrar a Mary desta forma, por favor, fazer um cheque a "Mrs. Mary Wick Scholarship." Doações podem ser enviadas na paróquia, colocadas na cesta de coleta ou entregues diretamente ao Padre Jay. Vamos todos nos lembrar da Mary e de todo o bem que ela fez!

## **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 con-centrar 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.

## **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 vestibulo 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