

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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Parish Office at St. Joseph's Rectory, 1335 North Main St., Fall River
 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

<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>* NO 7PM Mass Memorial Day - Labor Day.*</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>

FEBRUARY 25, 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]

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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 or see Fr. Jay after Masses 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 or see Fr. Jay after weekend Masses.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

February 26th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)

February 27th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)
- Eucharistic Lent Series, 7PM (SJ)

February 28th - NO Rel. Ed. Class, Catechist Prep

March 1st - Chow Mein Take Out, 4-6PM (SM)
- Stations of the Cross
9:30AM (SM, Port.)
6PM (SJ)

March 2nd - First Confessions,
9:30AM (SJ), 12:00PM (SM)

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return all filled Baby Bottles back to the church by this weekend, February 25th.

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 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.

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 March 1st and 15th.

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Confirmation students will have their retreat on Saturday, March 16th at St. Joseph's Hall beginning at 9AM and concluding after the 5:15PM Mass. Confirmation will be held on April 22nd at 7PM at St. Michael Church and rehearsal for confirmandi and their sponsors will be on April 21st after 10:45AM Mass.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week will begin next week. All are invited to join. The St. Michael's bilingual choir practice will be at 5:30PM and St. Joseph's choir at 6:45PM on the following dates: March 5th, 7th, 12th and 26th.

*Eucharistic Lent
Adult Faith Formation Night*

Tuesday, Feb. 27th
6-7PM - Eucharistic Adoration (in church)
7-8PM - Presentation on book,
"This is my Body," Chapter 2
The Mass as Sacrifice (in Parish Hall)

St. Joseph's Church
1335 North Main Street

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.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

The second graders preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will have their Retreat on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Michael Church Hall. The program will begin promptly at 9AM and concludes at Noon. There will be a parent meeting at 11AM for all parents of second graders. First Penance will be on Saturday, March 2 at 9:30AM at St. Joseph's and 12PM at St. Michael's.

ST. JOSEPH & ST. MICHAEL PARISHES PRESENT:

Parish Lenten
MISSION

PRAYER ADORATION WORSHIP
FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

WITH MUSIC BY
JOHN FINCH

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

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Websites: www.smpfr.org
www.stjosephschurchfr.com
www.smsfr.org

Fr. Jay's blog: 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
St. Michael's: 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.

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 18, 2024

First Collection: \$3,822.00

Diocesan Assesment Collection: \$ 951.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Church Maintenance Collection

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S**

February 18, 2024

First Collection: \$3,826.00

Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$1,149.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Church Maintenance Collection

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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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 Class

Wednesday, February 28th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

First Confessions, Grade 2

Saturday, March 2nd

St. Joseph Church - 9:30AM

St. Michael Church - 12PM

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

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 27th - St. Gregory of Narek

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Thursday, February 29th

9:00AM - Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Cabral

Saturday, March 2nd

9:00AM - Joe Mello, Fernando & Manuel Moura and family

Saturday, March 2nd - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Giberto Vieira, Sofia Aguiar & family, Tiberio Santos, Tony Costa Jr. and family, Stephanie Souza

Sunday, March 3rd - Third Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Vasco and Mariana Araujo

10:45AM - For those who died in February

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, February 26th

9:00AM - Joao Luis Martins

Wednesday, February 28th

9:00AM - For our Parish & School Community

Friday, March 1st

9:00AM - Manuel Jose Verrissimo and family

Saturday, March 2nd - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao & Antonio Torres, Joao DeMedeiros, John Medeiros, Ernesto Tavares, Kevin and Eric Medeiros, Carlos Medeiros, Kenneth E. Furtado, Alvaro & Palmira Luciana Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Joao & Germana Medeiros

Sunday, March 3rd - Third Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - For those who died in February, pecially Maria Lopes and Richard Lopes

12:00PM - Manuel Pereira Ponte e familia

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Dorothy Pedro

St. Michael's - Intentions of Kelly, Jared, Ethan and Caitlin Ricardo

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Intentions of CathyPasioneck

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.

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.

ENSAIO DO CORO PARA SEMANA SANTA

Os ensaios do coro para a Semana Santa começarão na próxima semana. Todos estão convidados a participar. O ensaio do coro bilíngue de São Miguel será às 5:30PM e São José às 6:45PM nas seguintes datas: 5, 7, 12 e 26 de Março.

GARRAFAS DE BEBE

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 6:00PM. 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 sacrifícios que fazemos (as coisas 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 sacrifícios durante os 40 dias inteiros da Quaresma. Que sacrifícios voluntários de grande benção podem ser para o nosso crescimento espiritual.