

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

FEBRUARY 27, 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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### **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. Please contact the parish office for tickets.

### **RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Congratulations to Thomas Richard Kozak who was recently baptized at St. Joseph's Parish and Jerry Jose Santana 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 rectory.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Adults, ages 18 and older, who are members of St. Joseph's or St. Michael's and seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation no later than March 1st at jrevil@comcast.net. Classes will be held for seven weeks in March and April. Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 19th.

### **PARISH FISH FRY**

On Friday, March 11th, there will be fish and chips on sale at St. Michael's parish hall from 12-5PM. Tickets are \$15 each and are available in the parish office or next weekend after Mass.

## **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

- February 28th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)
- March 1st - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)  
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)
- March 2nd - Ash Wednesday
- March 4th - Youth Group, Grades 8-12,  
7-9PM (SM)  
- Stations of the Cross, 9:30AM,  
1:30PM (SM) 6PM (SJ)
- March 4th - First Communion Retreat, 9-12PM

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

March 2nd, 2022

### **St. Joseph's**

7AM

6:30PM

### **St. Michael's**

8:30AM - (with school children)

12PM - In Portuguese

## EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### From Fr. Jay – Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, Catholics will flock to their parish Churches for the reception of ashes and the beginning of the Lenten season. We will mark our foreheads with ashes in the shape of a cross as we hear the words, “Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “Repent and be faithful to the Gospel.” I think it is worth a brief reflection upon each of these powerful statements as we embrace the penitential season of Lent.

Before we look at either of those statements, however, let us ponder for a moment the whole idea of doing penance and such a profound gesture of marking our foreheads with ashes. What is penance? It is an act of self-denial or mortification, it is denying ourselves something good to remind ourselves that we are made for more than the luxuries and comforts of this world, we were made for greatness, we were made for heaven, we were made for the Lord and that is what will truly make us happy. The acts of penance that we willingly embrace remind us that we are sinners and that we are in need of real change if we are to get to heaven and be with the Lord.

This brings us to the Ash Wednesday public act of penance of putting ashes on our forehead so as to communicate, “I am a sinner.” But the ashes are placed on our head in the shape of a cross, to remind us that although we are sinners, we have a savior, Jesus Christ who died for our sins. Hearing the words, “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” is a very vivid reminder that we are mortal and that we should never lose sight of our death and the moment we will stand before our Lord for judgment. The other statement, “repent and be faithful to the Gospel” is the advice on how we are to prepare for judgement day, by acknowledging our sinfulness and changing the direction of our lives.

In addition to marking ourselves with ashes, Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence in which we refrain from eating, as another expression of self-denial and also as a way of creating a spiritual hunger. We remember our Lord’s example, where he spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying. The guidelines for fasting are in the bulletin. Let us fully embrace the penance and sacrifice and fasting of this holy season.

## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP

During Lent, Deacon Paul will be leading a study on the Seven Last Words of Christ- the seven short sentences uttered by Jesus as he endured his crucifixion. This will help us bring the real meaning of Easter alive! Sessions will be held 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. The cost will be \$5 for a workbook. Please call the office to register, indicating morning or evening session.

### 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.

### 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. It will be an opportunity for confessions with a number of visiting priests on Wednesday night, March 16th at St. Joseph’s church from 6:30-8PM. I strongly encourage all parishioner 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

## 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 \$86,830.

## Sharing Our Faith

### **Adult Faith Formation Series**

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

### **March 9th - The Gift of Reconciliation**

"Come now, let us set things right"  
Isaiah 1:18

God is constantly inviting us to set things right, to be reconciled, to begin again. This session will examine the incredible gift the Sacrament of Reconciliation is and why we should avail ourselves of it frequently.

## 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

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

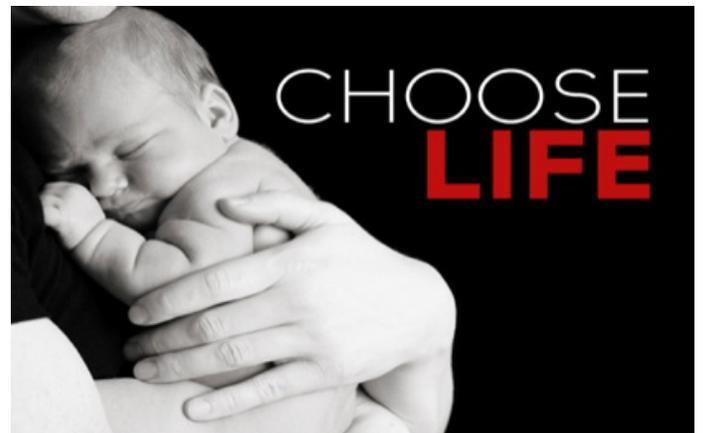
In both of our churches and at the Adoration Chapel, parishioners have the opportunity to reserve the lamps lit in memory of their loved ones. The Sanctuary and Chapel Lamps are \$15, and the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament lamps are \$15 together. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and older are bound to the law of fast up to their 60th year, limited to a single full meal that is meatless. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain one's needs, but together they shall not equal a full meal. The two prescribed days of Fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to serve the Law of Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as of course Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. During Lent, we the Christian faithful are bound to do penance in virtue of the divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which in all in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence.

## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

On Saturday, March 5th, our parish and school First Communion students will attend their First Communion retreat at St. Michael's hall. Students should arrive for 9AM through 12PM. There will be a mandatory parents meeting at 11:00AM. Please pray for the 32 young children that will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this spring.



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## 2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. Please let your family and friends with young children know. 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.

## FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

The Foundation for Advancing Catholic Education (FACE) assists families with the cost of tuition for Catholic education. Please see Fr. Jay for more information.

## 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!

## Religious Education News

### Grades 1-7, Class

*Wednesday, February 23rd - 6:15-7:35PM*

St. Joseph's Church

### First Communion Retreat

*Saturday, March 5th - 9AM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Grade 8 Class

*Monday, March 7th - 7:00-8:30PM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Retreat

*Saturday, April 2nd - 9AM-5PM*

St. Joseph's School

### Confirmation

*Wednesday, April 6th - 7PM*

St. Joseph's Church

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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.

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 26th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Jose Joaquim Pereira & family, Gilberto Vieira, Margarida Revoredo, Tony Costa Jr., Stephanie Sousa & family, Virginia, Joaquim & Steve Reis

### Sunday, February 27th - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Margaret Arruda

10:45AM - Irene Silva

### Tuesday, March 1st

9:00AM - Vasco Araujo

### Thursday, March 3rd - St. Katherine Drexel

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Saturday, March 5th

9:00AM - Mr. and Mrs. Antonio DaCosta

### Saturday, March 5th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Belmiro Costa, Horacio daCosta, Carlos Pereira

### Sunday, March 6th - First Sunday in Lent

7:00AM - Maureen Harrington

10:45AM - For those who died in February

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 26th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Lydia Gonsalves and family, Miguel & Helena Aguiar & family, Jose & Diamantina Amaral, Joe Correia, Joao deMedeiros, Laureana & Antonio Camara, Maria Barroso, Virginio & Joaquim Reis, Steve Reis, Joao & Maria DaSilva, Agostinho & Maria Medeiros, Sandra, Alphonse & Norman Lavoie, Eddie Pavao, Matilde Borges, Maria Borges, KerriAnn Fonseca, Joao DeMello Botelho, Connie Aguiar, Mariana Carlos and family, Moises Camara, Intentions of Deolinda Camara, Mariana Mattias Aguiar and Teresa Botelho

### Sunday, February 27th - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM - Maria Isabel Barbosa, Hermano, Joao, Liberio and Sandra Barbosa, Peter C. Rego, Miguel Medeiros

12:00PM - Sara Tavares do Rego, Antonio Medeiros, Carlos Goncalves, Guilherme do Rego Martins

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

### Monday, February 28th

9:00AM - Maria I. Barbosa

### Wednesday, March 2nd - Ash Wednesday

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

12:00PM - Pelo Povo da Paroquia

### Friday, March 4th - St. Casimir

9:00AM - Manuel Pereira DaPonte

### Saturday, March 5th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Gilbert and Eva Mello and family

### Sunday, March 6th - First Sunday in Lent

9:30AM - For those who died in February, especially Jacinto Creador, Germaine Medeiros, Virginia Reis, Jason Vieira, Alzira Sousa, Manuel Abarrota

12:00PM - Manuel Pereira DaPonte, Joao Rego, Antonio Santos, Maria Salome Fonseca e familia, Genoveva e Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Antonio e Conceicao Moreira, Eduarda Furtado, Jose Creador, Carlos Goncalves, John D. Carvalho, Jose e Umbrazina Carvalho, Hermano e Maria de Jesus Teves, Maria do Espirito Santo, Abel, Marcolino Teves e Eugenia Albernaz, Teodora M. Pereira, Ernesto Tavares, Joaquim e Virginia Reis, Maria e Horacio Barao, Joao Oliveira, intenções da esposa, e pela alma mais aflita

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Margaret Arruda

St. Michael's - Int. Richard Martins and family

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Nelson Mello

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

February 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$4,045.00

Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$1,227.00

Next Week's Second Collection:  
Monthly School Collection

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

February 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$2,339.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 850.00

Next Week's Second Collection:  
Diocesan Assessment Collection

## **Do Padre Jay – Quarta-Feira de Cinzas**

Na próxima quarta-feira, os católicos se reunirão em suas igrejas paroquiais para a recepção das cinzas e o início do tempo quaresmal. Marcaremos as testas com cinzas em forma de cruz ao ouvirmos as palavras: “Lembre-se de que você é pó e ao pó você voltará” ou “Arrependa-se e seja fiel ao Evangelho”. Acho que vale a pena uma breve reflexão sobre cada uma dessas declarações poderosas ao abraçarmos o tempo penitencial da Quaresma.

Antes de olharmos para qualquer uma dessas declarações, no entanto, vamos refletir por um momento sobre toda a idéia de fazer penitência e um gesto tão profundo de marcar nossas testas com cinzas. O que é penitência? É um ato de abnegação ou mortificação, é negar a nós mesmos algo de bom para nos lembrarmos que fomos feitos para mais do que os luxos e confortos deste mundo, fomos feitos para a grandeza, fomos feitos para o céu, fomos feitos para o Senhor e é isso que nos fará verdadeiramente felizes. Os atos de penitência que desejamos abraçar nos lembram que somos pecadores e que precisamos de uma mudança real se quisermos chegar ao céu e estar com o Senhor.

Isso nos leva ao ato público de penitência da Quarta-feira de Cinzas de colocar cinzas em nossa testa para comunicar: “Sou um pecador”. Mas as cinzas são colocadas em nossa cabeça em forma de cruz, para nos lembrar que, embora sejamos pecadores, temos um salvador, Jesus Cristo, que morreu por nossos pecados. Ouvir as palavras “lembra-te de que és pó e ao pó voltarás” é um lembrete muito vívido de que somos mortais e que nunca devemos perder de vista nossa morte e o momento em que compareceremos diante de nosso Senhor para julgamento. A outra declaração, “arrependam-se e sejam fiéis ao Evangelho” é o conselho sobre como devemos nos preparar para o dia do julgamento, reconhecendo nossa pecaminosidade e mudando a direção de nossas vidas.

Além de nos marcarmos com cinzas, a Quarta-feira de Cinzas também é um dia de jejum e abstinência em que nos abtemos de comer, como outra expressão de abnegação e também como forma de criar uma fome espiritual. Lembramos o exemplo de nosso Senhor, onde ele passou 40 dias no deserto jejuando e orando. As orientações para o jejum estão no boletim. Abracemos plenamente a penitência, o sacrifício e o jejum desta época sagrada.

## **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.

## **MATRICULAS PARA A ESCOLA**

As matriculas para o ano letivo de 2022-2023 para os graus de PreK-8 já começaram. Temos uma “Casa Aberta” no dia 30 de Janeiro imediatamente após da Missa das 9:30AM. O espaço para as aulas é limitado e são preenchido por ordem de chegada. Se deseja que seu filho seja registrado na Escola de São Miguel, ligue para a secretaria da escola o mais rápido possível, pois as vagas são preenchidas rapidamente.

## **REGULAMENTOS DA QUARESMA**

Todos os adultos com 18 anos ou mais estão sujeitos à lei do jejum até os 60 anos, limitado a uma única refeição completa sem carne. Duas outras refeições sem carne podem ser tomadas para manter as necessidades, mas juntas elas não equivalem a uma refeição completa. Os dois dias prescritos de Jejum são a Quarta-Feira de Cinzas e a Sexta-Feira Santa. Aqueles que têm 14 anos ou mais são obrigados a cumprir a Lei da Abstinência de carne em todas as Sextas-Feiras da Quaresma, bem como na Quarta-Feira de Cinzas e na Sexta-Feira Santa. Durante a Quaresma, nós, fiéis cristãos, somos obrigados a fazer penitência em virtude da lei divina; para que todos se unam na observância comum da penitência, prescrevem-se os dias penitenciais, enquanto em todos, de modo especial, rezam, praticam obras de piedade e caridade e negam-se a si mesmos, cumprindo mais fielmente as suas responsabilidades e, sobretudo, observando o jejum e a abstinência.

## **QUARTA FEIRA DE CINZAS**

### **S. Miguel**

8:30AM - com alunos da Escola

12:00PM - Em Portugues

### **S. Jose**

7AM

6:30PM