

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

## ADORATION

### St. Michael's

Daily Adoration  
Chapel  
Open 8AM-8PM

### St. Joseph's

Tuesdays  
6:00-7:00PM  
Benediction 6:45PM

## HOLY MASS

### St. Joseph's

#### Daily Mass (9AM)

Tuesday  
Thursday  
Saturday

#### Weekends

Saturday 5:15PM  
Sunday 7:00AM  
10:45AM

### St. Michael's

#### Daily Mass

Monday (Eng) 9AM  
Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM  
Friday (Port) 9AM

#### Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)  
Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)  
12PM (Port)  
7PM (Eng)

## CONFESSION

### St. Michael's

Wednesdays  
5-5:30PM  
Saturday 3-3:30PM

### St. Joseph's

Tuesdays 6-6:45PM  
Saturday  
9:30-10:30AM

Any time by appointment.

DECEMBER 18, 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**

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

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Mr. Ryan Klein, Principal [rklein@smsfr.dfrcs.org]

Mr. Daniel Marshall, Music Director [dmarshall@musician.org]

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve**

4PM - St. Joseph's

5:30PM - St. Michael's

#### **Christmas Day**

12AM Midnight Mass - St. Michael's  
(bilingual)

7AM - St. Joseph's (with Bishop DaCunha)

9AM - St. Michael's (Portuguese)

11AM - St. Joseph's

### **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!

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FR. JAY**

It is with great joy that I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and assure you of my prayers for a blessed and happy New Year. Let our hearts be filled with joy and happiness as we rejoice that God is close to each of us, especially in the difficult moments of our lives. Let us rejoice that we have a God who loves us and wants us to be close to him! As we celebrate his birth and enter into the new year, let us strive to bring that joy to those in our lives! Please know of my daily prayers for each of you and your families! Fr. Jay

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

December 19th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)

December 20th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)  
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)

December 21st - Rel. Ed Class, 6:15PM (SJ)

## PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

This weekend, the annual parish Christmas gift will be available at all Masses. This year's book is entitled "The Mindful Catholic: Finding God One Moment at a Time" by author Dr. Gregory Bottaro. They will be available this weekend and next. After everyone who wants a copy has taken one, I invite you to take one for family and friends.

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Samantha Isla Borquin Lopes who was recently baptized at St. Michael'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.

## MASS SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 1ST

We will return to the regular weekend Mass schedule on Saturday, December 31st and Sunday January 1st. This is the Feast day of Mary, Mother of God.

## CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 6th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2022. 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.

## OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the holidays, the office will be closed the following dates: Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. If you are in need of assistance, you can call the parish office and we will return your call.

### JR. AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The following dates have been scheduled for our Jr. Youth Group and High School Youth Group events.

High School Youth Group - Friday, January 20th  
7-9PM at St. Michael's Hall

Jr. Youth Group - Friday, January 27th, 7-9PM, at  
St. Michael's Hall

## THANK YOU — CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thank you to the many parishioners and school families that attended our Mary Wick Scholarship Fund Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 11th. The students and volunteers who together helped organize this event and the Live Nativity made it a beautiful afternoon for our parish. Results will be shared when they are available.

## THANK YOU — GIVING TREE

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated to our Giving Tree campaign this year. Collectively, over \$3,600 was raised for families in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. JOSEPH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLAQUE

You will notice when you enter St. Joseph's Church posterboards with a sample of the plaque that will hang in our church after the completion of our Capital Campaign. If you would like to have your family name represented on this plaque, please contact the parish office for more information.

### *Adult Faith Formation*

Presented by Fr. Jay on Wednesdays at 6:30PM  
at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

*January 4th - The Spiritual and Interior Life:  
Developing a "Plan of Life"*


*January 11th - Forming a Spiritual Life of Prayer*

## PRAYER BEFORE THE NATIVITY

God our Heavenly Father, from the moment of creation you have never ceased showing your love for us. Even when we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death. Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary. Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of Godmade-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**St. Joseph Parish**  
150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet



Containing images and details about the beautiful stained glass windows in our church, available now!  
\$20 each

**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 are now more than half way through a capital campaign to raise \$250,000. 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. There is a sample of this plaque in the entrance of our church. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$164,250.

**PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL**  
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

**EMAILS FROM FR. JAY**  
Each Friday, Fr. Jay sends an email to parishioners with articles, videos and parish news. Stay connected to our parishes and sign up to receive communications via email. To join online, visit our website or fill out a form at the entrance of the church and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

 St. Joseph's Church  
St. Michael's Church and School

 @saint\_michael\_school

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

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

**CHURCH SUPPORT  
ST. MICHAEL'S**

December 10-11, 2022  
First Collection: \$4,643.00  
Retired Religious Collection: \$ 665.00

Next week's Second Collection:  
Christmas Offering

**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

**CHURCH SUPPORT  
ST. JOSEPH'S**

December 10-11, 2022  
First Collection: \$4,148.00  
Retired Religious Collection: \$ 439.00

Next week's Second Collection:  
Christmas Offering

# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. 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.

## SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Visit smile.amazon.com and be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA as your selected charity. Everytime you make a purchase on Amazon, start at Smile.amazon.com and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School.

## SAVE THE DATE - WINE TASTING

Save the date of Saturday, February 4th for the 11th Annual St. Michael School Wine Tasting fundraiser. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this event.



## Religious Education News

### Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 21st - 6:15-7:35PM

*St. Joseph's Hall*

### Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th - 7PM

*St. Michael's Hall*

### Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, January 11th - 6:15-7:35PM

*St. Joseph's Hall*

### Confirmation Class, Grade 9

Monday, January 23rd - 7-9PM

*St. Michael's Hall*

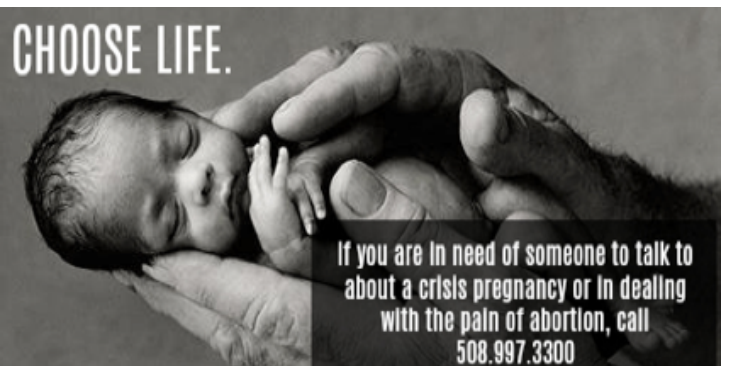
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For more information about Religious Education Grades 1-7, contact Lisa Ouellette at 508.567.3638.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please contact Ana Lucy Mello at 508.494.3916.

## PROJECT RACHEL FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS

The Family and Respect Life Office of Diocese of Fall River offers support for expecting mothers, mothers considering adoption and mothers healing from the trauma of abortion. If you would like more information, contact their office at 508.669.7702 or visit their website at [www.familyrespectlife.org](http://www.familyrespectlife.org)



## Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

### Tuesday, December 20th

9:00AM - Intentions of the Silva Family

### Thursday, December 22nd

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Saturday, December 24th

9:00AM - Joseph Charves

### Saturday, December 24th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - The Lussier family

### Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00AM - Antonio Costa Jr.

11:00AM - Louis and Olive Cabral, Mary St. Laurent, Olive Cabral, Robert Mello, Consuelo Martinez, Peter Armstrong

## MASS INTENTIONS 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 for January through June 2023 is now open.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Lea Permier and Jean Yves Lafleur

St. Michael's - In Thanksgiving

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -  
The Carreiro Family

## Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

### Monday, December 19th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Wednesday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

### Friday, December 23rd - St. John of Kanty

9:00AM - Jose and Maria Fonseca Oliveira

### Saturday, December 24th - Vigil Mass

5:30PM - Theodore Bernier, Heidi Steubert, Mario and Antonio Aguiar, Maria J. Correia, Mario R. Correia

### Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

12:00AM - Maddox Almeida, Armindo Correia, Maria O. Correia, Maria I Barbosa, Liberio Barbosa, Joao Barbosa, Moises Barbosa, Joao M. Camara

9:00AM - Jose S. Mendes, Jose Creador, Manuel and Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Jacinto and Maria dos Anjos Creador, Melanie, Peter and Jacinto Creador, Jose and Diamantina DoRego, Natalia Silva, Jeffrey Martins, Jose Sousa, Mariano and Conceicao Moniz, Jose and Margarida Martins, Gregory Correia Jr., Domingos Medeiros, Manuel and Maria do Espirito Santo Medeiros, Ernesto Tavares, Teodora M. Pereira, Manuel Ferreira and family, Mary Rivest, pelas almas do Purgatorio

## **BEM-VINDO À NOSSA PARÓQUIA!**

Se estão visitando as igrejas de São Miguel ou São José para a celebração do Natal, bem-vindo as nossas igrejas. Estamos honrados e abençoados por tê-lo aqui conosco nesta ocasião especial, a celebração do nascimento do nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo! Somos duas paróquias com só um pastor, que servem os que estão no norte da cidade de Fall River e nas cidades vizinhas. Ambas as paróquias têm uma longa e rica tradição, e estamos construindo sobre essa história enquanto olhamos o futuro, e convidamos a fazerem parte disso. Estamos aqui para servir o Senhor, e todos! Permita-me novamente desejar-te e á sua família um Feliz Natal e muito prospero Ano Novo. Recebe este convite para se juntar a nós todos os Domingos na Santa Missa. Por favor, não hesite em falar comigo se houver algo que eu possa fazer para ajudar-te. Deus te abençoe! Pe. Jay

## **ASSISTANCIA DURANTE O INVERNO**

Se precisar de ajuda durante esta temporada de férias e meses de inverno, entre em contato com a paróquia ou pe. Jay diretamente. Nossas paróquias têm uma Sociedade São Vicente de Paulo muito ativa que trabalha com os necessitados.

## **SUPORTE A ESCOLA VIA AMAZON**

Visite [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) e entre St. Michael School, Fall River, MA como seu selecionado caridade. Toda vez que você faz uma compra na Amazon, comece em [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com) e eles doarão um porcentagem para compras qualificadas a serem doadas para Escola de Sao Miguel.

## **MISSAS DO NATAL**

### **Vigilia de Natal**

4PM - S. Jose

5:30PM - S. Miguel

### **Dia de Natal**

Missa de Meia Noite - S. Miguel

(bilingual)

7AM - S. Jose (com Bispo daCunha)

9AM - S. Miguel (Portuguese)

11AM - S. Jose

## **BOAS FESTAS**

É com muito alegria que aproveito esta oportunidade para desejar a cada um de vocês e suas famílias um Feliz Natal e assegurar-lhes minhas orações por um abençoado e feliz Ano Novo. Jesus Cristo nasceu no dia de Natal! Que nossos corações se encham de alegria e felicidade ao nos alegrarmos por Deus estar perto de cada um de nós, especialmente nos momentos difíceis de nossas vidas. Alegremo-nos por termos um Deus que nos ama e quer que estejamos perto dele! Enquanto celebramos seu nascimento e entramos no novo ano, vamos nos esforçar para trazer essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Fr. Jay

## **MISSAS PELO PROXIMO FIM DE SEMANA**

Pelas Missas no dia 31 de Dezembro e Domingo, dia 1 de Janeiro, vamos seguir o horário normal de fim de semana.

## **MAU TEMPO**

À medida que entramos na estação do inverno e mau tempo, informe-se sobre a Missa diária. Quando a escola é cancelada, não há Missa. Todas as intenções de Missa serão reprogramadas. As Missas de fim de semana não serão canceladas a menos que tais condições severas justifiquem uma proibição de condução. Por favor, use prudência e segurança!

## **OBRIGADO — AVORE DE OFERTAS**

Obrigado a todos os paroquianos que trouxeram cartões de oferta para os que mais necessitam. Colheremos mais de \$3,600 em cartões para ajudar as famílias necessitadas. Obrigado!

## **ORAÇÃO ANTES DO NATIVIDADE**

Deus, nosso Pai Celestial, desde o momento da criação, você nunca deixou de mostrar seu amor por nós. Mesmo quando nos afastamos de você, você não nos abandonou nas trevas do pecado e da morte. De fato, foi quando nossa necessidade era maior que você nos enviou um Redentor - seu Filho, Jesus - para nascer da Virgem Maria. Abençoe-nos enquanto olhamos para esta manjedoura. Que ela nos lembre do humilde nascimento de Jesus e levante nossas mentes para contemplar o incrível mistério de Deus feito carne. Que esta época sagrada nos encha de esperança para que possamos nos juntar a ele no reino eterno da paz no céu. Por Cristo, nosso Senhor e Salvador, que vive e reina pelos séculos dos séculos. Amen.