

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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 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><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>

DECEMBER 5, 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

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RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Nora Elizabeth Reinhold who was recently baptized at St. Joseph'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 office.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Congratulations to Kevin Medeiros and Leigh-Ann Souther who were recently married at St. Michael's Church. May the Lord grant them a happy and holy marriage! Anyone interested in getting married, or having their civil marriages blessed by the Church, they should see Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our parishes will have a special visitor on Sunday, December 12th at St. Michael's Hall. Continental breakfast will be served after 9:30AM and 10:45AM Masses, with Santa visiting. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 8 and under. For tickets, please contact the school or parish office.

JR. & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

Our next event with our two Youth Groups will take place on Friday, December 10th, from 7-9PM. Our High School youth group (grades 8-12) will meet at St. Michael's Hall and our Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-7) will meet at St. Joseph's hall for a Christmas themed Movie Night. Snacks will be served.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our Christmas Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5PM beginning 12/2 for the bi-lingual Midnight Mass choir at St. Michael's Church, and on Thursday, 12/2 at 6:15PM for the St. Joseph's Vigil Mass choirs.

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. Michael Church - December 8th

8:30AM - with school children

12:00PM - Portuguese

St. Joseph Church - December 8th

6:30PM

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 6th | - Study Group, 10AM
- PTO, 6:30PM
- Confirmation Gr. 9, 7PM (SM) |
| December 7th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| December 8th | - Confessions, 5-5:30PM (SM)
- No Rel. Ed, Attend Holy Day Mass |
| December 10th | - Youth Group Night, 7-9PM (SM)
- Jr. Youth Group Night, 7-9PM (SJ) |
| December 12th | - Breakfast with Santa, (SM)
after 9:30AM & 10:45AM Mass |

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The holy season of Advent is the period of four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This season is meant to prepare us and to help us reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, of which there are three. Christians use the four Sundays of Advent to remember the first coming of Christ, the real meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord. The second coming of Christ happens at each Mass when our Lord becomes present to us on the altar in the Eucharist. The third coming of Christ will happen at the end of time when Christ returns in glory. During this Holy Season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for Christ coming into our lives by tending to our spiritual lives and our relationship with him. Let us welcome him with great joy.

ADVENT 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. We will have confessions heard Wednesday, December 15th from 6:30-8PM. Our regular confession schedule is Tuesday from 6-7PM and Saturday from 9:30AM-10:30AM at St. Joseph's, and from 5-5:30PM on Wednesday 3-3:30PM on Saturday at St. Michael's Church. Confession guides and Examination of Conscience guides are available on the parish websites.

SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Recently, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said, "However, it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." 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.

PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in Portuguese on Tuesday, the 14th of December at Espirito Santo Church at 7PM and Wednesday, the 15th of December at Santo Christo Church from 11AM until Noon.

BEST ADVENT EVER!

The Dynamic Catholic "Best Advent Ever" is a great online resource to help us prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/bestadvent-ever to sign up for this free daily video program that will be emailed directly to you to prepare for Christmas like never before.

"IGNITE YOUR PARISH" ADVENT PROGRAM

Start this Advent season off right and pick up your a card after all Masses this weekend! Music from The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR. Access cards are available at the entrances of our church. Have a blessed start to Advent as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior this Christmas!

GIVING TREE

This Advent, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our Church to drop off a gift card of any denomination for Walmart, Target or Amazon to help a family in need. Please return all gift cards no later than December 12th. No toys or other gifts will be accepted this year, only gift cards please.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are in need of assistance during this holiday season and winter months, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jay directly. Our parishes have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society that works with those in need.

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 \$54,685.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Join Deacon Paul every Monday morning at 10AM at St. Joseph's School. Through the use of DVDs, videos, commentary and questions for reflection and discussion, we'll learn how to become the saints we were created to be.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Beginning this Fall, Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation will be presenting on 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. Each session will be held at St. Joseph's parish hall beginning at 6:30pm.

MY PARISH APP

Our St. Joseph & St. Michael Parish app is 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 Facebook or Twitter. Download our app today at 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.

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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.

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.

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.

Religious Education News

Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 8th - No Class, Holy Day
6:30PM Mass, St. Joseph's Church

Grades 1-7

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

Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 22nd - No Class

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, December 6th - 7:00-8:30PM
St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

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

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.

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www.stjosephschurchfr.com
Fr. Jay's Blog: fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - David and Alma Bond, Robert Curran

Sunday, December 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Alice E. Diniz

10:45AM - For those who died in November, especially Linda Wagner and Stephanie Boudria-Torres

Tuesday, December 7th - St. Ambrose

9:00AM - Evelyn Worsley

Thursday, December 9th - St. Juan Diego

9:00AM - Lydia and Jose C. Oliveira

Saturday, December 11th - St. Damasus

9:00AM - Jose M. Frias

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Gus Gonsalves and family, Moises Camara, Jose and Diamantina Amaral, William Cabral, Barbara Peixoto, Manuel Botelho, Silvino Estrela, Teresa Camara, Manuel Pereira and family, Fr. John Andrews, Raul T. Medeiros and family, Julieta Branco and family, Durval and Maria C. Rebello, Bella and Joseph Machado and family, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Alvaro and Luciana Palmira Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Dulce Valentim, Margarida Roveredo, John Andrade, Peter Sousa, Conceicao Moreira, Tracy Dias, Valentina Oliveira, Jay Hoyle, Jesse M. Aguiar, for the soul most in need of Thy mercy

Sunday, December 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - For those who died in November, especially Maria Medeiros, Liberio Barbosa, Georgina Moreira and Ernesto Tavares

12:00PM - Tobias Cordeiro, Clementina e Antonio Resendes

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Monday, December 6th - St. Nicholas

9:00AM - Intention of Delfina Borges

Wednesday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 10th

9:00AM - Manuel, Jose e Gilda Medeiros e familia

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Elaine Capeto

St. Michael's - Antonio F. Cabral,
Bento and Maria Araujo

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Elaine Capeto

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

November 20-21, 2021

First Collection: \$4,123.00

Human Development Collection: \$ 585.00

November 27-28, 2021

First Collection: \$2,904.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,109.00

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

November 20-21, 2021

First Collection: \$3,186.00

Human Development Collection: \$ 460.00

November 27-28, 2021

First Collection: \$2,011.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,313.00

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.

ALMOÇO COM PAI NATAL

Nossas paróquias terão uma visita especial no Domingo, dia 12 de Dezembro no salão de S. Miguel - o Pai Natal! O almoço será servido entre as Missas de 9:30AM e 10:45AM, com a visita do Pai Natal a seguir. Os bilhetes custam \$10 para adultos e \$8 para crianças de 8 anos ou menos. Para bilhetes, entre em contato com a escola ou o escritório da paróquia.

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.

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.

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

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.

MISSA DA IMACULADA CONCEIÇÃO

A solenidade da Imaculada Conceição da Virgem Maria será um dia Santa de Guarda. Missas no dia 8 de Dezembro serão o seguinte:

8:30AM - S. Miguel, Inglês

12PM - S. Miguel, Português

6:30PM - S. José, Inglês

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