

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.

APRIL 2, 2023

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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PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

This Sunday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph's Church parking lot after 10:45AM Mass, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, we will be decorating eggs in the parish hall.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, I encourage everyone to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration – spending time with our Lord after the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. Eucharistic Adoration will end at 10pm at St. Joseph's and at 11pm at St. Michael's.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Holy Thursday at 3PM until Easter Sunday morning at 8AM.

NO 7PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

There will be no 7PM Mass on Easter Sunday. The 7PM Mass resumes on April 16th.

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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| April 2nd | - Easter Egg Hunt, after 10:45AM Mass |
| April 3rd | - Lenten Study Group, 10AM (SJ) |
| April 4th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| April 5th | - NO Religious Ed, Grade 1-7 |
| April 6-9th | - See Holy Week Schedule |

2023-2024 HOLY GHOST FEAST

The Mordomos will be announced at the Holy Ghost feast Mass and the Domingas for the next years Holy Ghost will be drawn on during Holy Ghost weekend on Pentecost Sunday in the Parish hall at 7PM. Domingas assist the Mordomos in a year of service to our parish through fundraising events, and ending with seven weeks of prayer and crowning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in being Mordomos or would like more information about having a Dominga, please contact Father Jay directly for more information.

PENSÕES NOW AVAILABLE

Every year, an opportunity to support the Holy Ghost Feast is available, by providing a donation and receiving a delivery to your home of meat, sweet bread, bread and wine. A Small Pensão is \$35. A larger Pensão is available, with large portions, tickets to a dinner and a gift from our Mordomos, Naythan Aguiar. The Pensão de "Criador" is \$250. Please contact Ana Rego, or the parish office.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

On April 16th, the church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. We recall our Lord's Revelation to St. Faustina and the call to conversion to each of us. Each year, on the first Sunday after Easter, we beg the Lord's mercy and Pray for the grace of conversion. To celebrate this great feast, Deacon Paul will lead a Holy Hour from 3-4PM, in which we will have Eucharistic Adoration and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I encourage all to attend this great devotion. Confessions will be available.

From Fr. Jay-Preparing for our Lord's Resurrection

More than Christmas even, Easter is the most important and holiest day of the year for Christians for this is the day that we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. It is the culmination of God's plan of salvation in which He sent Jesus into the world to suffer and die for our sins, but to conquer sin and death by rising from the dead.

Easter is a time in which we recall the overwhelming sense of joy that our Blessed Mother Mary and the Disciples experience when they saw Jesus 3 days after He was crucified and buried. We are reminded that death does not have the final word, because in Christ's rising, we have the hope of eternal life and being with the Lord forever in heaven.

Holy Saturday night is the most sacred liturgy in the Church, as we begin in darkness, holding vigil for the Lord's resurrection. We bless and light the Easter candle, which is used for baptisms and funerals, and each person holds a vigil candle as the exultet is chanted. We listen to stories from the Old Testament that highlight salvation history, from creation to the great flood, the stories of Moses, Abraham and the Prophets until the Gloria is once again sung and the church rejoices as we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, who by his rising has dispelled the darkness caused by sin.

This is also a Mass in which we welcome adults into the Catholic Church, people who were not baptized as infants or who didn't receive their First Communion or Confirmation. It is a great reminder to us that we should always be welcoming others into our community and always provide a sense of welcome to anyone who is visiting or new to our parish.

Easter is a time in which families will gather with each other, but let us remember that we first and foremost gather with our parish family around the Altar of the Lord, from which we are truly fed, by Jesus Christ himself, who is the Paschal Lamb, who gave us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, who shed His Blood on the Cross and whose Body was raised on Easter Sunday.

This is the Holiest Week of the year! It is filled with great traditions and beautiful liturgies. I can't encourage you more strongly to make the effort to join us for each of the Holy Week liturgies. Let us enter into Holy Week with great faith and enter into these Sacred Mysteries and be drawn closer to our Lord.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN SERIES

During Lent, Deacon Paul is leading a study titled No Greater Love - a biblical pilgrimage from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary, guided by bestselling author Edward Sri. These sessions are held at St. Joseph's Parish hall and is offered in the morning and repeated in the evening. Dates of the sessions are: Mondays at 10AM.

CONFESSIONS

An integral part of the Lenten Season is repenting of our sinful behaviors. I strongly encourage all parishioners to go to confession during one of the regularly scheduled confession times.

Tuesday - 6-6:45PM, St. Joseph

Wednesday - 5-5:30PM, St. Michael

ROMEIROS

The "Romeiros," a group of several hundred people will be walking to each church in the city, continuing the great Azorean tradition. They will be praying at St. Michaels at 10am and at St. Joseph's at 11am. I invite you to gather on the steps of each Church to welcome them and observe this very moving tradition. People who want to take part in this tradition can meet at Espirito Santo church on Good Friday at 6:30AM.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6th

St. Joseph's - 5PM

St. Michael's - 7PM (bilingual)

Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's - 12PM

St. Joseph's - 3PM

St. Michael's - 7PM (bilingual)

Easter Vigil, April 8th

St. Joseph's - 7PM (bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

7:00AM - St. Joseph's

9:30AM - St. Michael's (Eng.)


10:45AM - St. Joseph's

12PM - St. Michael's (Port.)

NO 7PM Mass

PALM SUNDAY

St. Joseph Parish
 150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet



Containing images and details about the beautiful stained glass windows in our church, available now!
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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 \$195,090

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

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

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.

**CHURCH SUPPORT
 ST. MICHAEL'S**

March 25-26, 2023
 First Collection: \$3,906.00
 Easter Flowers Collection: \$1,492.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
 Diocesan Collection

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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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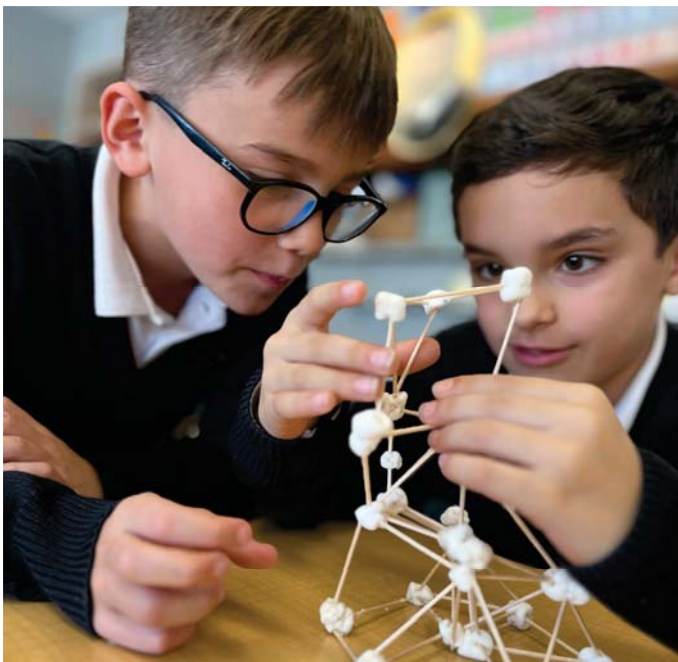
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2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open for the 2023-2024 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.

PLEASE 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



Religious Education News

Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, April 5th - NO CLASS

Attend Holy Week Masses

Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, April 12th - 6:15-7:35PM

St. Joseph's Hall

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, April 23rd - 8PM

St. Michael's Church

Confirmation Grade 9

Tuesday, April 25th - 7PM

St. Michael's Church

First Holy Communion

St. Michael Parish - May 7th - 9:30AM

St. Michael School - May 14th - 9:30AM

St. Joseph Church - May 21st - 10:45AM

(Rehearsals for each are on the day before at 11AM)

If you have any questions about our Religious Education program, please contact Lisa Ouellette for grades 1-7 at 508.567.6358, or Ana Lucy Mello for grades 8-9 at 508.494.3916.

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!

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, April 4th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Thursday, April 6th - Holy Thursday

9:00AM - NO MASS

5:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, April 8th - Holy Saturday

9:00AM - NO MASS

Saturday, April 8th - Vigil Mass

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunday

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin, John and Gertrude Lawrence

10:45AM - Fr. John Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cabral, Louis Cabral, Olivia Cabral, Paul Cabral, Mary St. Laurent, Robert Mello

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 Mass book for the remainder of the year will open on Wednesday, April 19th.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Edward J. Pedro

St. Michael's - Richard Torres

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -
Intentions of Maria Reis

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, April 3rd

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Wednesday, April 5th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

Friday, April 7th - Good Friday

9:00AM - NO MASS

Saturday, April 8th - Easter Vigil

4:00PM - NO Mass

Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunday

9:30AM - Miguel and Helena Aguiar, Joao de Medeiros, Manuel & Olaria Monico, Jose S. Mendes, Maria da Estrela Pereira, Manuel Laureano, Francisco Hilario, Manuel B. Farias, Maddox Almeida, Maria & Horacio Barao, Genoveva & Alfredo Tome Furtado, Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Mario & Antonio Aguiar, Maria & Mario Correia, Francisco Carvalho, Colin Jackson, Rosemaria Braga, Jose & Margarida Martins, Antonio de Medeiros e familia, Raul Medeiros e familia, Henrique doRego Duarte, Maria Carmo, Anibal, Jose, Ines, Manuel, & Lourenco Duarte & familia, Leonardo, Arthur, Joe Arruda, Susan and Chris Levesque

12:00PM - Moises Barbosa, Deolinda & Moises Camara, Ernesto Tavares, Sebastiao e Brazelina Lebeta, Guilherme do Rego Martins, Carlos M. Goncalves, Adelino Brillhante, Teodora Pereira, Gilberto Vieira, Joao Andrade e familia, John D. Carvalho e familia, John e Jacinto daSilva, Angelina Silva, Agostinho, Paixao, Jose Augusto, Antonio e Silvana Tavares, pela alma mais aflita

SEMANA SANTA

Quinta-Feira Santa, 6 de Abril

S. Jose - 5PM

S. Miguel - 7PM (bilingual)

Sexta-Feira Santa, 7 de Abril

Via Sacra, S. Jose - 12PM

S. Jose - 3PM

S. Miguel - 7PM (bilingual)

Vigilia Pascal, 8 de Abril

S. José - 7PM (bilingual)

Páscoa, 9 de Abril

7:00AM - S. Jose

9:30AM - S. Miguel(Eng.)

10:45AM - S. Jose

12PM - S. Miguel (Port.)

NÃO HAVERA Missa as 7PM

CAPELA FECHADA

A Capela estará fechada de Quinta-Feira Santa às 3 horas da tarde até Domingo da Páscoa as 8AM.

NÃO HAVERÁ MISSA AS 7PM

No Domingo da Páscoa, não haverá Missa as 7PM. A Missa retornará no dia 16 de Abril.

FESTA DO ESPÍRITO SANTO 2023-2024

Os Mordomos serão anunciados na Missa da Festa do Espírito Santo e as Domingas para o próximo ano será invocado durante o fim de semana do Espírito Santo no Domingo de Pentecostes no salão paroquial às 7 horas da noite. As Domingas auxiliam os Mordomos em um ano de serviço à nossa paróquia através de eventos de arrecadação de fundos, e terminando com sete semanas de oração e coroação dos dons do Espírito Santo. Se estiver interessado em ser Mordomos ou quiser mais informações sobre como ter uma Dominga, entre em contato diretamente com o Padre Jay para obter mais informações.

PENSÕES

Todos os anos, uma oportunidade de apoiar a Festa do Espírito Santo está disponível, oferecendo uma doação e recebendo em sua casa carne, massa, pão e vinho. Uma Pensão Pequena custa \$40. Está disponível uma Pensão maior, com grandes porções, bilhetes para um jantar e uma oferta dos nossos Mordomo Naythan Aguiar. A Pensão de “Criador” custa \$250. Entre em contato com Ana Rego ou o Escritório Paroquial.

Preparando-se para a Ressurreição de N. Senhor

Mais do que o Natal, a Páscoa é o dia mais importante e sagrado do ano para os cristãos, pois é o dia em que celebramos a Ressurreição de nosso Senhor dentre os mortos. É a culminação do plano de salvação de Deus no qual Ele enviou Jesus para o mundo para sofrer e morrer por nossos pecados, mas para vencer o pecado e a morte ressuscitando dos mortos.

A Páscoa é um tempo em que recordamos a imensa sensação de alegria que nossa santa Mãe Maria e os Discípulos experimentaram quando viram Jesus 3 dias depois que Ele foi crucificado e sepultado. Somos lembrados de que a morte não tem a palavra final, porque na ressurreição de Cristo, temos a esperança da vida eterna e estar com o Senhor para sempre no céu.

A noite do Sábado Santo é a liturgia mais sagrada da Igreja, pois começamos nas trevas, em vigília pela ressurreição do Senhor. Abençoamos e acendemos a vela pascal, que é usada para batismos e funerais, e cada pessoa segura uma vela de vigília enquanto se canta o exultante. Ouvimos histórias do Antigo Testamento que destacam a história da salvação, desde a criação até o grande dilúvio, as histórias de Moisés, Abraão e os Profetas até que o Glória seja novamente cantada e a igreja se celebre Jesus Cristo, a Luz do Mundo, que por sua ascensão dissipou as trevas causadas pelo pecado.

Esta é também uma Missa em que acolhemos na Igreja Católica os adultos, as pessoas que não foram batizadas na infância ou que não receberam a Primeira Comunhão ou a Confirmação. É um grande lembrete para nós que devemos sempre acolher outras pessoas em nossa comunidade e sempre proporcionar uma sensação de boas-vindas a quem está visitando ou é novo nas nossas paróquias.

A Páscoa é um tempo em que as famílias se reúnem, mas lembremo-nos de que, antes de mais nada, nos reunimos com a nossa família paroquial em torno do Altar do Senhor, do qual somos verdadeiramente alimentados, pelo próprio Jesus Cristo, que é o Pascal Cordeiro, que nos deu o Seu Corpo e Sangue na Eucaristia, que derramou o Seu Sangue na Cruz e cujo Corpo ressuscitou no Domingo de Páscoa. Esta é a Semana mais Santa do ano! Está cheio de grandes tradições e belas liturgias. Não posso encorajá-lo mais fortemente a fazer um esforço para se juntar a nós em cada uma das liturgias da Semana Santa. Entremos na Semana Santa com muita fé e entremos nestes Sagrados Mistérios e nos aproximemos de Nosso Senhor.

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