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<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>

DECEMBER 3, 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

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NEW PASTORAL LETTER FROM FR. JAY

With the start of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year, I take this opportunity to make available a letter I have written to each parishioner with the hope that it might enhance your life of faith and devotion. Following the theme of my last two letters and in keeping with the efforts of the National Eucharistic Revival, this letter is about our worthy reception of Holy Communion. Copies are available at the entrance of each Church, in both English and Portuguese, as well as on our parish websites.

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

December 4th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)
- Confirmation Grade 9, 7PM (SM)

December 5th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)

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

December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
Holy Day of Obligation

December 10th - Second Sunday Social,
after all Masses (SJ)

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. Joseph Church - December 8th

7AM

5PM

St. Michael Church - December 8th

9AM - Port.

12PM - With School

SAVE THE DATE - WINE TASTING

Save the date of Saturday, February 3rd for the 12th Annual St. Michael School Wine and Appetizer Tasting fundraiser. The event features wine, beer, spirits and appetizer tasting, as well as dancing, raffles and a silent auction. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor this event.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A special Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries, including the first year. This celebration will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to obtain a invitation.

ADULTS WHO NEED SACRAMENTS

RCIA is for any adult over 18 who desires Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, or for an adult who may have been baptized but did not receive the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Deacon Paul leads a study group for those searching to get more out of their faith. Through Scripture stories, commentary, and questions for reflection and discussion, we'll learn how to receive the freedom and the new life Jesus died to give us. These sessions take place every Monday at 10AM.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Chance O'Connell Rose Saunders who was recently baptized at St. Joseph's Parish. With great joy, we welcome him into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Congratulations to Tyler Menezes and Briana Correia 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.

HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

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 an Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 13th from 6:30-7:30PM. Our regular confession schedule is Tuesday from 6-7PM and Saturday from 9:30-10:30AM at St. Joseph's, and from 5-5:30PM on Wednesday, and 3-3:30PM on Saturday at St. Michael's Church. Confession guides and Examination of Conscience guides are available on the parish websites.

"GIVING TREE" TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

This Advent, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of each 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 17th. No toys or other gifts will be expected this year, only gift cards please. Please let us know if you are in need of assistance.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

If you are in need of assistance during the holiday season and winter months, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jay directly. Our parishes have a very active Outreach Committee that works those in need.

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to sing in the choir for our Christmas Masses, rehearsals will be as follows:

St. Michael Midnight Mass - 5:30-6:30PM
December 14th, 19th and 21st

St. Joseph Vigil Mass - 6:45-7:45PM
December 14th, 19th and 21st

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

During December, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CATECHESIS ON HOLY MASS

When we go up to receive Holy Communion, we are approaching the Lord of Heaven and Earth, so we must be deeply reverent. If we kneel to receive, this is in itself an act of veneration. If we stand to receive, we bow just before doing so. If we choose to receive in the hand, we cross one hand over the other horizontally, making a more or less flat surface with the upper palm so that the host can be securely placed there without risk of falling. Then we take the Host in our other hand and consume it in such a way that the priest or deacon or extraordinary minister can see we have done so. Please do not turn and walk away without consuming it. This is irreverent; it also makes the minister wonder whether something terrible will happen to the Host. I have found Hosts in missalettes, in pews and on the floor, an unspeakable sacrilege. This is no way to treat the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ! God forbid this ever happens again.

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.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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

Junior Youth Group -

Friday, December 15th, 7-9PM at St. Joseph's

High School Youth Group -

Friday, December 15th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

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

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. MICHAEL'S**

November 18-19, 2023

First Collection: \$7,106.00

Human Development: \$ 413.00

November 25-26, 2023

First Collection: \$3,068.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,007.00

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S**

November 18-19, 2023

First Collection: \$4,295.00

Human Development: \$ 249.00

November 25-26, 2023

First Collection: \$3,049.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 811.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir Christmas Caroling to Catholic Memorial -
December 11th - 1:30PM

Christmas Concert, Grades K-4 - Parish Hall
December 21st - 1PM



Religious Education News

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, December 4th - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

Wednesday, December 6th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, December 11th - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

Wednesday, December 13th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class

Wednesday, December 20th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

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, December 5th - St. John Damascene

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Thursday, December 7th - St. Ambrose

9:00AM - Hector Gauthier

Saturday, December 9th

9:00AM - Jose Matos Frias

Saturday, December 9th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Evelyn Worsley, Gilberto Vieira, Sofia Aguiar & family, Antonio Costa Jr. & family, Stephanie Souza, Rose & Benjamin Endicott, Antonio Santos, Ana and Jose Santos, Manuel Travassos, Victor Vieira

Sunday, December 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Gail Conforti

10:45AM - Carol Power

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.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Dean Diogo

St. Michael's - Gus, Pat & Lydia Gonsalves

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Mateus Lubold

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, December 4th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Wednesday, December 6th - St. Nicholas

9:00AM - Manuel Martins

Friday, December 8th

9:00AM - Jose C. e Lydia Oliveira

12:00PM - For the Parish & School Community

Saturday, December 9th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Edward Pedro, Kevin Medeiros, Manuel C., Mary R. Medeiros, Robert Medeiros, Jordão & Joaquina Sousa, Manuel N., Manuel A. Sousa, Michael Sousa, Richard Powell, Maria Conceição & Antonio Torres, Antonio & Maria Aguiar & family, Eva & Gilberto Mello & family, Joao & Maria Hermenegildo & family, Jose Pereira & family, Kelly Ann Fonseca, Maria, Felipe, Matilde, & Anselmo Borges, Antonio F. Cabral, Robert Botelho, Silvino Estrela, George Souza & family, Ernesto Tavares, Gregory Correia Jr., Lucinda & Norman Rapoza, Intentions Antonio & Maria Oliviera & family

Sunday, December 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Maddox Almeida

12:00PM - Jose de Matos Frias

7:00PM - Mary St. Laurent

A SAGRADA TEMPORADA DO ADVENTO

A época santa do Advento é o período de quatro domingos antes do Natal. Advento significa 'Vindo' em latim. Esta temporada destina-se a nos preparar e a nos ajudar a refletir sobre a vinda de Jesus Cristo ao mundo, que são três. Os cristãos usam os quatro domingos do Advento para lembrar a primeira vinda de Cristo, o verdadeiro significado do Natal – o nascimento de nosso Senhor. A segunda vinda de Cristo acontece em cada Missa quando nosso Senhor se torna presente para nós no altar na Eucaristia. A terceira vinda de Cristo acontecerá no final dos tempos, quando Cristo retornar em glória. Durante este Santo Tempo do Advento, vamos preparar nossos corações para Cristo entrar em nossas vidas, cuidando de nossas vidas espirituais e nosso relacionamento com ele. Vamos recebê-lo com grande alegria.

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 presentes até 17 de Dezembro.

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.

ENSAIOS DO CORO DE NATAL

Se gostava de cantar no coro de Natal, os ensaios começara no dia 14 de Dezembro.

S. Jose - Missa das 4PM - ensaio as 6:45PM

S. Miguel, Missa da Meia Noite - ensaio as 5:30PM

MEMORIAIS NATALICIOS

Durante o mês de Dezembro, tanto nos envelopes de coleta quanto na parte de trás da igreja, encontrará envelopes comemorativos de Natal. Com estes envelopes, sua doação é solicitada pelas flores para decorar nosso santuário durante o Natal em memória de um ente querido. A lista com todos os nomes dos lembrados será publicada no dia de Natal. Agradecemos sua generosidade.

CATEQUESE SOBRE SANTA MISSA

Quando subimos para receber a Sagrada Comunhão, estamos nos aproximando do Senhor do Céu e da Terra, por isso devemos estar profundamente reverentes. Se nos ajoelharmos para receber, isto é em si um ato de veneração. Se quisermos receber, nos curvamos logo antes de fazê-lo. Se optarmos por receber na mão, cruzamos uma mão sobre a outra horizontalmente, formando uma superfície mais ou menos plana com a palma superior para que a hóstia possa ser colocada ali com segurança, sem risco de cair. Depois pegamos a Hóstia com a outra mão e a consumimos de tal maneira que o sacerdote, o diácono ou o ministro extraordinário possam ver que o fizemos. **POR FAVOR**, não se vire e vá embora sem consumi-lo. Isto é irreverente; também faz com que o ministro se pergunte se algo terrível acontecerá ao anfitrião. Encontrei hóstias em missaletes, em bancos e no chão, um sacrilégio indescritível. Não é assim que se trata o Corpo e o Sangue, a Alma e a Divindade de Cristo! Deus não permita que isso aconteça novamente.

GUARDA A DATA - WINE TASTING

No Sábado, dia 3 de Fevereiro, nossa escola paroquial terá o seu event Social de provar vinhos, licors e cervejas. Esta é uma grande evento social para famílias, amigos, ex-alunos e benfeitores da escola de São Miguel. Existem muitos prêmios de sorteio, comida, música e muito mais. Os bilhete custam \$35 por pessoa e podem ser adquiridos ligando para os escritórios da escola ou da paróquia.

CONFISSÕES DO ADVENTO

Que melhor maneira de se preparar para o Natal do que examinar nossas consciências e confessar para receber a misericórdia e o perdão de nosso Senhor. Haverá confissões ouvidas 18 de Dezembro, as 6PM na Igreja de Espirito Santo e no dia 19 de Dezembro as 11 horas da manhã. Haverá padres que falam Portugues disponível para ouvir confissões.

MISSA DA IMACULADA CONCEIÇÃO

A solenidade da Imaculada Conceição da Virgem Maria será um dia Santa de Guarda. Missas serão o seguinte:

S. Jose - 8 de Dezembro - 7AM, 5PM

S. Miguel - 8 de Dezembro - 9AM (Port.),
12PM (com escola)

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