

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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## 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.

MARCH 13TH, 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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Ms. Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation [jrevil@comcast.net]

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

#### **RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Congratulations to Reagan Rose Klein 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 rectory.

#### **HOLY WEEK CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals for Holy Week will take place on Thursday evenings. The St. Joseph's Choir will meet at 6:15PM and the bilingual St. Michael's Choir will meet at 7:15PM. All are invited to join the parish choirs. Please see choir director Daniel Marshall for more information at dmarshall@musician.org.

#### **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.

#### **LENT CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**

Multiple priests will be present to hear Confessions on Wednesday evening, March 16th at St. Joseph's Church from 6:30PM - 8:00PM. Please see the Confession Guide and Examination of Conscience.

### **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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| March 14th | - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)   |
| March 15th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)<br>- Adoration/Confessions,<br>6-7PM (SJ) |
| March 16th | - Religious Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15PM<br>- Lenten Confessions, 6:30-8PM (SJ)  |
| March 18th | - Stations of the Cross,<br>9:30AM, 1:30PM (SM), 6PM (SJ)                  |

### **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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### From Fr. Jay - Why we should attend Stations of the Cross

Each Friday, our parish offers the great Lenten devotion called the Stations of the Cross in which we reflect upon the events of Good Friday, namely the suffering, the passion and the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray the Stations on Friday for the same reason that we don't eat meat on Fridays – it is the day our Lord made the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his life for us. Each Friday, whether during Lent or not, should be a day in which we remember our Lord's sacrifice.

Lent is known, however, as being a special time for prayer and devotion, which is why we offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday. I personally think that it is so important that it is worth offering it at three different times throughout the day to make it accessible to as many as possible. I want to strongly encourage all parishioners to make an effort to attend the Stations at least once during the Lenten Season. It is more than just remembering what our Lord endured, it is also about coming to a deeper awareness of what His love really means and the profound inner peace that is offered to each of us.

So what are the Stations? What are we actually praying? The Stations are a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his being buried. The order of stations is as follows: (1) Jesus is condemned to death, (2) Jesus takes up his cross, (3) Jesus falls the first time, (4) Jesus meets his mother, (5) Simon of Cyrene is made to carry the cross, (6) Veronica wipes Jesus' face, (7) Jesus falls the second time, (8) the women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus, (9) Jesus falls the third time, (10) Jesus is stripped of his garments, (11) Jesus is nailed to the cross, (12) Jesus dies on the cross, (13) Jesus is taken down from the cross, and (14) Jesus is placed in the Holy Sepulcher.

The devotional exercise of visiting and praying in front of each of the 14 stations and meditating on the Passion of Christ stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims who visited the scenes of the events in Jerusalem and walked the traditional route from the presumed location of Pilate's house to Calvary. One tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, set up stone markers at her home outside Jerusalem to prayerfully retrace the steps of her son's Passion. St Francis of Assisi popularized the devotion and promoted a great love for the sufferings of Christ.

The Stations have been an important part of my own Lenten devotion and I hope that you will embrace the great blessing and graces that come from attending the Stations on the Fridays of Lent.

## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP

During Lent, Deacon Paul is leading a study on the Seven Last Words of Christ- the seven short sentences uttered by Jesus as he endured his crucifixion 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.

### PORTUGUESE LENTEN MISSION

The four Portuguese parishes of the city of Fall River will share one Lenten Mission in Portuguese. The Preacher will be Fr. Antonio Medeiros. Each night, from Monday, March 21 through Thursday, March 24, the schedule will consist of Confessions at 6PM, with Mass following at 7PM.

Monday:	Espirito Santo
Tuesday:	St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday:	St. Michael
Thursday:	Santo Christo

### 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 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 \$89,900.

## PARISH EXPENSES DURING WINTER

During the winter months, and especially this year, our parishes have more expenses each month due to snow removal and high heating costs. This year, the cost of oil and gas heat has more than doubled. Please keep this in mind when making your weekly parish contribution. You can send in a special contribution in an envelope marked "Winter Expenses." As always, thank you for your generosity.

## 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. Contact the parish office for tickets.

## Sharing Our Faith

### **Adult Faith Formation Series**

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

April 27th - *Why A Church?*

This is the Church that Jesus Christ founded. Everything we do as "church" opens us up to the grace of God, especially in the Sacraments. This is the way Christ has chosen to remain with us and in us. This session takes a look at His plan.

## 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

## Religious Education News

### **Grades 1-7, Class**

*Wednesday, March 16th - 6:15-7:35PM*  
St. Joseph's Church

### **Grades 1-7, Class**

*Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:15-7:35PM*  
St. Joseph's Church

### **Grades 1-7, Class**

*Wednesday, March 30th - 6:15-7:35PM*  
St. Joseph's Church

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### **Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal**

*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.



## **ST. MICHAEL AND ST JOSEPH PARISHES CONFESSION GUIDE**

**Examine your Conscience:** that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, see the “examination of conscience” guide on the back of this sheet. It’s even okay to **make a list** to bring with you to confession if that helps.

**1. BEGIN: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN!”**

**2. SAY: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was \_\_\_\_\_ (how long). These are my sins...”**

**3. CONFESSION OF SINS:** Tell Father your sins.

**4. PENANCE.** Father will give you something to do or prayers to say. Listen carefully to your penance and do it right after your confession.

**5. ACT OF CONTRITION:** The Priest will then ask you to pray your Act of Contrition.

### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

**My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

**6. ABSOLUTION.** The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray for God’s forgiveness.

**7. CONCLUSION.** The priest will then likely say, “Your Sins are forgiven, Go in Peace.” To which you respond: **“Thanks be to God.”**

## **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR CONFESSIONS**

**I. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**

Do I give time every day to God in prayer?

Do I always put God first in my life

**I. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Have I used the words "God" or "Jesus" in anger?

Have I used foul or ugly language?

**III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

Have I missed Mass on Sunday or any holy day of obligation?

Do I pay attention during Mass

**IV. Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I respect and obey my parents?

Have I dishonored or mistreated them by my words or actions?

Do I try to get along with my brothers and sisters?

Am I a tattletale or bully?

**V. You shall not kill.**

Do I fight with or hurt others?

Do I say cruel things, or make fun of others to hurt their feelings?

**VI. You shall not commit adultery.**

Do I treat my body and other people's bodies with care and respect?

Do I look at television shows, movies, or pictures that are bad?

**VII. You shall not steal.**

Have I taken things that were not mine?

Have I destroyed or misused another person's property?

Do I return things that I borrow?

**VIII. You shall not commit false witness against your neighbor.**

Am I honest in my school work?

Do I tell lies or exaggerate to make myself look good?

Do I tell lies to protect myself from punishment?

**IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**

Do I allow my parents to spend time with one another,

Do I get mad when I have to share my friends?

Are there kids I will not play with or am mean to

**X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

Am I jealous or envious of the things or abilities that others have?

Do I beg my parents for things my friends or other children have?

Do I share the things I have with others?

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 12th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Antonio Medeiros

### Sunday, March 13th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin, John and Gertrude Lawrence, Brian Carlos, Horacio and Adelaide DeSa

10:45AM - Orlando Fernandes

### Tuesday, March 15th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Thursday, March 17th - Saint Patrick

9:00AM - Mariano and Conceicao Moniz and family

### Saturday, March 19th - St. Joseph

9:00AM - Antero Frias

### Saturday, March 19th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira, Jose and Sofia Aguiar, Virginio and Erondina Tavares and family, Tony Costa Jr., Stephanie Sousa and family, Humberto and Maria de Lourdes Furtado, Manuel and Sofia Travassos and family

### Sunday, March 20th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Rita Brady

10:45AM - Kerry Anne Machado

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Orlando Fernandes

St. Michael's - Manuel & Maria dos Anjos Tavares,  
Peter Creador

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Intentions of Dr. And  
Mrs. Mustafa Ali and family

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

March 5-6, 2022

First Collection: \$6,346.00

Catholic University Collection: \$ 376.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

February 26-27, 2022

First Collection: \$4,359.00

Catholic University Collection: \$ 238.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 12th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Theodore Bernier

### Sunday, March 13th - Second Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - Taylor Patricio

12:00PM - Jose Creador, Maria dos Anjos e Jacinto Creador, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Peter e Melanie Creador, Jacinto Creador

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

### Monday, March 14th

9:00AM - Hermano Alves and family

### Wednesday, March 16th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

### Friday, March 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00AM - Antero M. Frias e familia

### Saturday, March 19th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Pereira and family, Miguel and Helena Aguiar and family, Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Gus Gonsalves and family, William Cabral, Margarida and Albert Revoredo, Jesse M. Aguiar, Joao de Medeiros, Joseph Carlos and family, Laureana and Antonio Cambra, Agostinho and Maria Medeiros, Sandra, Alphonse, Norman Lavoie, Eddie Pavao, Moises Camara, Connie Aguiar, Everett and Carol Ann Medeiros, Antonio and Constantine Medeiros, Intentions of Deolinda Camara, Mariana Mattias Aguiar, Joao DeMello and Teresa Botelho, Liberio and Margarida Patricio

### Sunday, March 20th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - Jose and Diamantina doRego, Natalia Silva, Jeffrey Martins

12:00PM - Joao M. Rego e familia, Kimberly Dias, Rosa Linhares, Agostinho e Juvina DaCosta, Gracinda Pires, Moises Barbosa, Teodora M. Pereira, Jacinto Creador, Pedro Creador, Sophia Fernandes Cordeiro, Rachel Fernandes Cordeiro, Jose Maria e Gilda Lourenco, Jose Cabral Revoredo e familia, John Chaves, Intenções de Connie e John Chaves

7:00PM - Abel Teves, Hermano, Marcolino, Maria do Espirito Santo, Teves, Eugenia Albernaz, Maria do Jesus Aguiar, Arturo Goncalo, Luis Silva, John D. Carvalho

## **De Pd. Jay - Por que devemos participar na Via Sacra**

Todas as sextas-feiras, nossa paróquia oferece a grande devoção quaresmal chamada Via Sacra, na qual refletimos sobre os eventos da Sexta-feira Santa, ou seja, o sofrimento, a paixão e a morte de nosso Senhor e Salvador Jesus Cristo. Rezamos as Estações na sexta-feira pela mesma razão que não comemos carne às sextas-feiras – é o dia em que nosso Senhor fez o sacrifício final de dar sua vida por nós. Cada sexta-feira, seja durante a Quaresma ou não, deve ser um dia em que nos lembremos do sacrifício de nosso Senhor.

A Quaresma é conhecida, no entanto, como um tempo especial de oração e devoção, razão pela qual oferecemos a Via Sacra todas as sextas-feiras. Pessoalmente, acho que é tão importante que vale a pena oferecê-lo em três momentos diferentes ao longo do dia para torná-lo acessível ao maior número possível. Desejo encorajar fortemente todos os paroquianos a fazerem um esforço para frequentar as Estações pelo menos uma vez durante o tempo quaresmal. É mais do que apenas lembrar o que nosso Senhor suportou, é também chegar a uma consciência mais profunda do que Seu amor realmente significa e da profunda paz interior que é oferecida a cada um de nós.

Então, quais são as estações? O que estamos realmente orando? As Estações são uma série de 14 fotos ou esculturas que retratam eventos da Paixão de Cristo, desde sua condenação por Pontius Pilatos até seu sepultamento. A ordem das estações é a seguinte: (1) Jesus é condenado à morte, (2) Jesus toma sua cruz, (3) Jesus cai pela primeira vez, (4) Jesus encontra sua mãe, (5) Simão de Cirene é feito para carregar a cruz, (6) Verônica enxuga o rosto de Jesus, (7) Jesus cai pela segunda vez, (8) as mulheres de Jerusalém choram por Jesus, (9) Jesus cai pela terceira vez, (10) Jesus é despido de suas vestes, (11) Jesus é pregado na cruz, (12) Jesus morre na cruz, (13) Jesus é retirado da cruz e (14) Jesus é colocado no Santo Sepulcro.

O exercício devocional de visitar e rezar em frente a cada uma das 14 estações e meditar a Paixão de Cristo decorre da prática dos primeiros peregrinos cristãos que visitavam os cenários dos acontecimentos em Jerusalém e percorriam o caminho tradicional desde o suposto local da casa ao Calvário. Uma tradição afirma que Maria, a mãe de Jesus, colocou marcadores de pedra em sua casa fora de Jerusalém para refazer em oração os passos da Paixão de seu filho. São Francisco de Assis popularizou a devoção e promoveu um grande amor pelos sofrimentos de Cristo.

## **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.

## **MISSÃO QUARESMA PORTUGUESA**

As quatro paróquias Portuguesas da cidade de Fall River compartilharão uma Missão Quaresmal em Português. O Pregador será Pe. Antonio Medeiros. Todas as noites, de Segunda-Feira, 21 de Março, a Quinta-Feira, 24 de Março, consistirá com Confissões às 6PM, seguida de Missa às 7PM.

Segunda-feira: Espírito Santo

Terça-feira: Santo Antônio de Pádua

Quarta-feira: São Miguel

Quinta-feira: Santo Cristo

## **VIA SACRA**

Há muitas oportunidades para rezar a Via Sacra durante a Quaresma. Junte-se a nós todas as sextas-feiras da Quaresma.

São Miguel - 9:30AM (Port.)

1:30PM (com a escola)

São José - 6:00PM

## **CONFISSÕES**

Uma parte integrante da Quaresma é o arrependimento de nossos comportamentos pecaminosos. Será uma oportunidade para confissões com vários padres visitantes na noite de Quarta-Feira, 16 de Março, na igreja de São José, das 6:30-8PM. Eu encorajo fortemente todos os paroquianos a aproveitarem esta oportunidade, ou se confessarem durante um dos horários regulares de confissão.

Terça-feira - 6-6:45PM, São José

Quarta-feira - 5-5:20PM, São Miguel

Sábado - 9:30-10:30AM, São José

3-3:30PM, São Miguel

## **ENSAIOS DO CORO**

Os ensaios para a Semana Santa acontecerão às Quintas-Feiras à noite. O Coro de São Jose se reunirá às 6:15PM e o coro bilíngue de São Miguel se reunirá às 7:15PM. Todos estão convidados. Por favor, falam com o diretor do coral Daniel Marshall para mais informações.

## **DESPESAS DURANTE O INVERNO**

Durante os meses de inverno, e especialmente este ano, as nossas paróquias têm cada mês mais despesas devido à remoção de neve e aos elevados custos de aquecimento. Este ano, o custo do aquecimento a óleo e gás mais que dobrou. Por favor, tenha isso em mente ao fazer sua contribuição semanal paroquial. Como sempre, obrigado por sua generosidade.