

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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Parish Office at St. Joseph's Rectory, 1335 North Main St., Fall River

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.

MARCH 26, 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

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [frjmello@diocese-fr.org]

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

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Lidia Grace Furtado 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.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

Next weekend, on Sunday, April 2nd, where 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioner, Bruno Domingos to St. Michael's Parish. If you would like to register, contact the parish office.

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 27th | - Lenten Series, 10AM (SJ) |
| March 28th | - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ) |
| March 29th | - Rel. Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15PM |
| March 31st | - Stations of the Cross,
10:00AM, Living Stations (SM)
6PM (SJ) |
| April 1st | - White Attire Party, 6PM (SM) |

HOLY GHOST WHITE ATTIRE PARTY

Tickets are now available for our White Attire Party, taking place on Saturday, April 1st from 6-11PM. Tickets are \$35 and include appetizers, soup, surf and turf, dessert and coffee. There will be entertainment by DJ Matt Almeida. Please contact Mordoma Ana Rego or the Parish Office for tickets.

PRESENTATION BY REV. PACHOLCZYK

Save the date of Tuesday, March 28, 2023 for a presentation by Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. He will be presenting on the topic of transgender issues and gender dysphoria at the St. John Neumann Parish in East Freetown. The event begins at 7PM. For more information, contact St. John Neumann Parish at 508-763-2240.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our Holy Week choir rehearsal has begun. The St. Joseph's choir meets each week on Thursdays at 7PM, and the bilingual St. Michael's choir will meet March 30th at 5PM at St. Michael's Church and April 4th at 7PM at St. Joseph's Church. All are invited to join. If you have any questions, please see Music Director Daniel Marshall.

EASTER VIGIL

As a reminder, due to there being limited help from priests for our Vigil Mass, our parishes began alternating for our Easter Vigil Mass last year. This year, Mass will be at 7PM at St. Joseph's Church and will be bilingual. This Mass will continue to alternate each year going forward.

From Fr. Jay - Getting Ready for Holy Week

Beginning with the celebration of Palm Sunday next weekend, we enter into what is called “Holy Week” which as the name indicates, is the most important time of year for us as Catholics, especially Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. As I have said in the past, it would be a great shame if I did not see you between Palm Sunday and Easter – I want to appeal to you to make every effort to be present at the beautiful liturgies that the Church offers us to enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. These celebrations are not merely remembering historical events, but entering into the deepest mysteries of our faith.

On Palm Sunday, we recall Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We recall how at one moment crowds are acclaiming Jesus as Lord and singing “Hosanna in the highest” while waving palms branches. The next moment, they are screaming, “Crucify Him.” The blessed palms that we receive at this Mass can serve as a reminder that while we can say that Jesus is Lord, it is our sinfulness that brought him to the cross.

On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the great gift that Jesus gave us in the Eucharist. This Mass, and the Eucharistic Adoration afterwards, is intended to enkindle in each of us a deeper love and devotion for the True Presence of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I believe the greatest way to do this is through sincere reverence in how we approach the altar and receive the Eucharist. We must all work together to restore a sense of the sacred.

On Good Friday, we remember that our Lord sacrificed his life for our salvation. Jesus was brutally nailed to a cross and hung upon it to suffer and be humiliated because of our sins. This day should be marked with a solemn awareness of what our Lord did for us. If we are able, we should take the day off from work and refrain from secular activities. There will be many opportunities to come to the Church that day to stay focused.

I will explain more about Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday next week, but here I want to simply encourage everyone to make effort to prepare for Holy Week by making time to attend the services, Masses and other opportunities to come together to pray as a community. This is our week as Catholics and let us embrace it and put in lots of effort, the Lord will bless us for it.

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 and Thursdays at 6:30PM. To register please call the parish office at 508.673.1123. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Paul.

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
Saturday -	9:30-10:30AM, St. Joseph 3-3:30PM, St. Michael

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are many opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Join us each Friday of Lent. This week they will be offered at 6PM at St. Joseph’s Church.

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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, March 31st, the 8th grade class at St. Michael School will present Living Stations of the Cross at 10:00AM at St. Michael’s Church. The children will act out each of the 14 stations—the events of Good Friday in which our Lord suffered and died for us. All are invited to join in this moving presentation. Please note that there will be no Stations of the Cross in Portuguese at 9:30AM due to this presentation.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Vigil, April 1st

St. Michael's - 4PM
St. Joseph's - 5:15PM

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

St. Joseph's - 7AM
St. Michael's - 9:30AM
St. Joseph's - 10:45AM
St. Michael's - 12:00PM (Portuguese)
St. Michael's - 7PM

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

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.

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 \$193,650

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**

March 18-19, 2023

First Collection: \$3,251.00
Catholic Relief Collection: \$ 845.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Monthly School Collection

**CHURCH SUPPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S**

March 18-19, 2023

First Collection: \$2,979.00
Catholic Relief Collection: \$ 280.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Diocesan Assessment Collection

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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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, March 29th - 6:15-7:35PM

St. Joseph's Hall

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 Confessions

Saturday, March 25th

9:30-10:30AM - St. Joseph's Church

11AM-Noon - 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.

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00AM - For a Special Intention

Thursday, March 30th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, April 1st

9:00AM - Jose Severiano Pacheco

Saturday, April 1st - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira, Antonio Costa Jr.,
Stephanie Souza, Dr. Edward
Doherty, Kevin Medeiros, Edward J.
Pedro, Aaron Nunes, Roland &
Alice Levesque, Intentions of
Rosalie, Antonio, Joseph & Michael
Couto, Margarida Barbosa Menezes,
Josefina Couto

Sunday, March 26th - 5th Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Maria O. and Armindo Correia, Luis
& Manuel Linhares & family

10:45AM - For those who died in March

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Intentions of Luis Martins

St. Michael's - Carol Ann & Everett
Medeiros, Antonio &
Constantina Medeiros

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -
Ernesto Tavares

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, March 27th

9:00AM - Abel Matias

Wednesday, March 29th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

Friday, March 31st

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, April 1st - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Isabel and Francisco Machado &
family, Ernesto Tavares. Theodore
Bernier, Jeffrey Macedo, Octavio
Raposo, Diamantina Machado, Mr.
& Mrs. Antonio Goncalo & family,
Manuel Farias, Aida & Antonio
Saraiva, João Soares, Antonio
Aguiar & family, Aurelio P &
Josephine Mello, Glenn, Shailah &
Mark Vanderpool, Nathan & Francis
Cohen, Normand & Lucinda Raposa,
Mr. & Mrs. Raul Mendonca

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday

9:30AM - For those who died in March,
especially Charles Jones, Ruben
Santos, Eduardo Botelho, Maria
Imaculada Furtado

12:00PM - João Oliveira Pavão, Intenções da
Esposa

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

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

Oração de São Miguel Arcanjo

São Miguel Arcanjo, defendei-nos neste combate, sede nossa guarda contra a maldade e as ciladas do demônio. Humildamente pedimos que Deus, sobre ele impere, e vós, príncipe da milícia celeste, Com o poder divino, precipitai no inferno a satanás e aos outros espíritos malignos, que vagueiam pelo mundo para perdição das almas. Amen.

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

ENSAIOS DO CORO

O coro bilíngue de São Miguel se reunirá às 5PM no dia 23 de 30 de Março na igreja de São Miguel e as 7 da noite no dia 4 de Abril na Igreja de São Jose. Todos estão convidados. Por favor, falam com o diretor do coral Daniel Marshall para mais informações.

FESTA BRANCA

Os bilhetes estão disponíveis para a nossa Festa Branca, que acontecerá no Sábado, 1º de Abril, das 6 até 11 da noite. Os bilhetes são \$35 e incluem aperitivos, sopa, mar e terra, sobremesa e café. Haverá musica do DJ Matt Almeida. Contacte a Mordoma Ana Rego ou o escritorio para bilhetes.

DOENTE OU NO HOSPITAL

Se está doente, vá ter uma cirurgia ou no hospital e gostaria de receber a Santa Unção, ou ser visitado pelo Pe. Jay, por favor, ligue para o escritório da paróquia. A única maneira de sabermos é se você ou sua família nos contar.

VIA SACRA EM VIVO

Na Sexta-Feira, 31 de Março, os alunos do oitavo grau da escola apresentará as Via Sacra em Vivo às 10AM na Igreja de São Miguel. Todos estão convidados a participar desta emocionante apresentação. Não haverá a Via Sacra as 9:30AM neste dia.

APRESENTAÇÃO DO REV. PACHOLCZYK

Reserva a data de 28 de Março para uma apresentação do Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. Ele fará uma apresentação sobre questões transgênero e disforia de gênero na Paróquia S. João Neumann em East Freetown. O evento começa às 7 horas.

VIGILIA PASCAL

Devido à ajuda limitada dos padres para nossa Vigília, nossas paróquias começaram a se alternar para a nossa Vigília Pascal no ano passado. Este ano, a Missa será as 7PM na Igreja de São Jose e será bilíngue. Esta Missa continuará a se alternar a cada ano daqui para frente.