

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.

MARCH 27TH, 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

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

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Nomie Lee Cote who was recently baptized at St. Joseph's Parish and Luca Antonio Faria who was baptized at St. Michael's Parish. With great joy, we welcome them into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming new parishioners: Eva Quinones and her daughter Callie, Jessica Doucet and her daughter Camryn, Oscar and Pamela Rivera and their children Cecilia, Antonio and Veronica, Devin and Nikita Schio and their daughter Gabriella, and Christopher Peckham to St. Michael's Church and Gerald and Nancy Mauretti to St. Joseph's Church. If you would like to register at our parishes, please call 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)

- March 28th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)
- March 29th - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)
- March 30th - Religious Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15PM
- April 1st - Stations of the Cross,
9:30AM, NO 1:30PM, 6PM (SJ)
- April 2nd - Confirmation Retreat, 9AM-5PM (SJ)
- Confirmation Rehearsal, 6PM (SJ)
- April 3rd - Synod Listening Session, 11:30AM (SJ)

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sunday, April 10th, 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.

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. Please see choir director Daniel Marshall for more information at dmarshall@musician.org.

2022-2023 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.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

On Sunday April 3, there will be an all parish listening session as part of the diocesan stage of the synod called for by the pope. Parishioners are encouraged to voice their thoughts on what they need from the church in order to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This will take place in the parish hall at St. Joseph's immediately following the 10:45am Mass. All are invited to attend and participate.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From Fr. Jay - Overcoming Greed during Lent

Part of the Lenten season is addressing our attachment to worldly possessions and wealth. One of the reasons for almsgiving that I wrote about last week, is to help us live more simple lives. I am sure that none of us would easily say, "I am a greedy person," yet, if we do an honest examination of our consciences, we might discover that greed is something that can easily creep into our lives.

Let's start with the 10th Commandment, which says that we should not covet our neighbor's possessions. It touches upon what is in our heart, what we crave and desire. Let us remember what our Lord said – "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." Now let us be clear, there is nothing wrong with having things, nice things even, but we must always ask ourselves, "do I own them, or do they own me?" Am I overcome with a need to have the newest, most expensive, name brand and does that desire dictate my spending and priorities?

Greed and envy lead us to acquiring possessions without any limit, especially when there are others who are going without. We could point to countless examples today where corporate greed is controlling our markets while those on fixed incomes, especially our elderly are being forced to make difficult decisions. But it is easy to point at the obvious greed of others, and more difficult to address how we are complicit with that, even on the smallest scale.

As we mark the halfway point of Lent, let us go a bit deeper than the normal surface level approaches to Lent. Let us truly strive to root out all greed and envy and materialism from our lives. Let us ask ourselves questions like: Do I really need this? Could I spend my money differently? Is there someone in need that I could help right now, directly or anonymously? Where has greed crept into my life? Am I envious of the things that others have? Am I living simply?

These are not easy questions and at first can be either easily dismissed or we might even find them offensive, but if we are truly trying to grow in holiness and faith, these are questions that we need to ask and ask them to ourselves this Lent. None of us wants to be labeled as either greedy or envious, and so let us really give this some honest thought.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

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 NEXT WEEK

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)

CONFESSIONS

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14th

St. Joseph's - 5PM

St. Michael's - 7PM (bilingual)

Good Friday, April 15th

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

St. Joseph's - 3PM

St. Michael's - 7PM (bilingual)

Easter Vigil, April 16th

St. Michael's - 7PM (bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 17th

7:00AM - St. Joseph's

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

10:45AM - St. Joseph's

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

NO 7PM Mass

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 \$94,640.

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.

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

Religious Education News

Grades 1-7, Class

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

Grades 1-7, No Class

Wednesday, April 6th
NO Class due to Confirmation Mass

Grades 1-7, Class

Wednesday, April 13th - 6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's Church

Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal

Saturday, April 2nd - 9AM-5PM
St. Joseph's School

Confirmation

Wednesday, April 6th - 7PM
St. Joseph's Church

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

March 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$4,703.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$1,659.00

Next Week's Second Collection:
Monthly School Collection

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

March 19-20, 2022

First Collection: \$3,071.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$1,065.00

Next Week's Second Collection:
Church Maintenance Collection

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. Please let your family and friends with young children know. 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.

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.

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!



Rev. Richard Martignetti

Fall River Deanery

Lenten Mission

The Wounded Heart: Reflecting on the 5 Wounds of Christ

Confessions from 6-6:45PM
Mass at 7PM

April 4 - Holy Trinity Church
April 5th - St. Joseph Church
April 6th - Holy Name
April 7th - St. Anthony of the Desert

ORGAN REPAIRS

Recently, the 3rd stage of the organ restoration at St. Joseph's was completed last week. I hope you noticed the difference at Mass this past weekend. This project was able to be completed through your generosity. The final stage of the organ restoration has been folded into our capital campaign for our 150th anniversary. I am confident that we can complete all of these important projects in time for this great celebration.

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.

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www.stjosephschurchfr.com
www.smsfr.org

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

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, March 29th

9:00AM - Joseph Cordeiro Miranda

Thursday, March 31st

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

Saturday, April 2nd - St. Francis of Paola

9:00AM - David and Mario Jardin

Saturday, April 2nd - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Luisa Silva

Sunday, April 3rd - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

10:45AM - In Memory of those who died in March, especially Dorothy Tavares, and Antone Faustino

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Mary St. Laurent

St. Michael's - Francisco Carvalho

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

Intentions of Maria Lurdes Duarte and Antonio Duarte

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 currently open for Masses through June 2022.

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, March 28th

9:00AM - For all Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 30th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, April 1st

9:00AM - Maria Isabel Oliveira e familia

Saturday, April 2nd - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Maria Salome Fonseca

Sunday, April 3rd - 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - For those who died in March, especially Alexandrina Conceicao Sousa, Joao O. Soares, Irene Alto, Amanda Pacheco

12:00PM - Jose Creador, Maria dos Anjos e Jacinto Creador, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Peter, Melanie e Jacinto Creador, Genoveva e Alfredo Furtado, Isaura do Rego, Valter Tavares, Carlos e Ruben Pacheco, Joao Andrade e familia, Jose Valentim e familia, Gracinda Pires, Teodora M. Pereira, Ernesto Tavares, Gilda Bemfeito, Jose Medeiros, Natalia Medeiros, Diamantina Machado, Joao Fernandes, Octavio Raposo, Manuel Natal e Maria Conceicao Tavares, Mariano e Antonina Sousa e familia, Joao Oliveira, intenções da esposa

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Do Pe. Jay - A Ganância Durante a Quaresma

Parte da época da Quaresma é abordar nosso apego às posses e riquezas mundanas. Uma das razões para dar esmolas sobre as quais escrevi na semana passada é para nos ajudar a viver vidas mais simples. Tenho certeza de que nenhum de nós diria facilmente: “Sou uma pessoa gananciosa”, mas, se fizermos um exame honesto de nossa consciência, podemos descobrir que a ganância é algo que pode facilmente se infiltrar em nossas vidas.

Vamos começar com o 10º Mandamento, que diz que não devemos cobiçar os bens do nosso próximo. Ele toca o que está em nosso coração, o que ansiamos e desejamos. Lembremo-nos do que nosso Senhor disse – “Onde estiver o seu tesouro, aí estará o seu coração”. Agora vamos ser claros, não há nada de errado em ter coisas, coisas boas até, mas devemos sempre nos perguntar: “eu as possuo ou elas me possuem?” Estou superado com a necessidade de ter a marca mais nova e mais cara e esse desejo dita meus gastos e prioridades?

A ganância e a inveja nos levam a adquirir posses sem limites, especialmente quando há outros que estão ficando sem. Poderíamos apontar inúmeros exemplos hoje em que a ganância corporativa está controlando nossos mercados enquanto aqueles em renda fixa, especialmente nossos idosos, estão sendo forçados a tomar decisões difíceis. Mas é fácil apontar para a óbvia ganância dos outros e mais difícil abordar como somos cúmplices disso, mesmo em menor escala.

À medida que marcamos a metade do caminho da Quaresma, vamos um pouco mais fundo do que o nível normal da superfície se aproxima da Quaresma. Vamos realmente nos esforçar para erradicar toda a ganância, inveja e materialismo de nossas vidas. Façamos a nós mesmos perguntas como: Eu realmente preciso disso? Posso gastar meu dinheiro de forma diferente? Existe alguém precisando que eu possa ajudar agora, diretamente ou anonimamente? Onde a ganância se infiltrou na minha vida? Tenho inveja das coisas que os outros têm? Estou vivendo de forma simples?

Essas não são perguntas fáceis e, a princípio, podem ser facilmente descartadas ou até mesmo ofensivas, mas se estamos realmente tentando crescer em santidade e fé, essas são perguntas que precisamos fazer e perguntar a nós mesmos nesta Quaresma. Nenhum de nós quer ser rotulado como ganancioso ou invejoso, então vamos realmente pensar nisso com honestidade.

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. Eu encorajo fortemente todos os paroquianos a aproveitarem esta oportunidade, e se confessarem durante um dos horários regulares de confissão.

MISSÃO EM INGLES

A Missão Quaresmal de Fall River está chegando de 4 a 7 de Abril com o homilista convidado Rev. Richard Martignetti sobre o Coração Ferido: Refletindo sobre as 5 Chagas de Cristo. Todas as noites, confissões estarão disponíveis das 6PM às 6:45PM, e a Missa começará às 7PM. Diariamente, a Missa também estará disponível na Catedral de Santa Maria às 12PM. Segunda-Feira, 4/4 - Santíssima Trindade (Stafford Road)

Terça-Feira, 05/04 - St. Joseph's (North Main Street)

Quarta-Feira, 06/04 - Santo Nome (Hanover St.)

Quinta-Feira, 07/04 - Santo Antônio do Deserto (Eastern Ave)

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.

FESTA DO ESPÍRITO SANTO 2022-2023

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 coração 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.