

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
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 (Port) 9AM
Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM
Friday (Port) 9AM

Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)
Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)
12PM (Port)
7:00PM (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.

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24th

2:00PM - St. Michael's

4:00PM - St. Joseph's

6:00PM - St. Michael's

Christmas Day - December 25, 2020

Midnight Mass - St. Michael's (bilingual)

7:00AM - St. Joseph's

9:00AM - St. Michael's (Port.)

11:00AM - St. Joseph's

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Our parishes are blessed to now have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at St. Michael's Church for the faithful to come and pray throughout the day. The chapel is located on the southeast side of the church, or if facing the church from the street, around the back to the left. It can only be accessed from the outside using the side door between the school and the church. The chapel will be open from 8am to 8pm. If anyone would like to access the chapel after 8pm and before 8am, please call the parish office and I will give you an access code. Please make sure the door is securely shut upon leaving. We have installed security cameras in the chapel and by the entrance.

The chapel is a place of silent prayer in which our Lord is present in the Eucharist on the altar. Please be reverent and respectful of others praying. There should be no talking in the chapel, no food or beverages. Families are encouraged to bring their children to pray! Children do make noise, they laugh and they cry. Please do not make any child or family feel uncomfortable if a child is a little noisy.

Personal private prayer before the Eucharist is one of the most life changing experiences one could have. I invite and encourage all parishioners to make it a priority to make a visit to the chapel at least once a week, especially during the Advent season.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

December 14th - School of Prayer, 10:00AM (SJ)

December 15th - Bible Study, 9:30AM, 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confession, 6-7PM (SJ)

December 16th - Rel. Ed. Groups 1A & 2C, 6PM (SJ)

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Harrison Ray Banville who was recently baptized at St. Michael's Church. 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 office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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 confessions heard Tuesday from 6-7PM and Saturday from 9:30-10:30AM at St. Joseph's, and from 3-3:30PM at St. Michael's Church.

SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Recently, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said, "However, it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." I am happy that many have commented on how they enjoy the Gregorian Chant before Holy Mass, helping them to prepare for Holy Mass. Arriving early and recollecting ourselves is an important way to preparation for the celebration of Holy Mass as it helps us to clear our mind, recall why we are there, and also to enter into the sacred presence of God. Because Holy Mass is a communal celebration, there is the temptation to talk with others, but I respectfully ask that we try and keep conversations until after Mass, or if they are necessary, to have them in the foyer area or outside, so as to not disturb others who have come to pray. Let us always remember that we are in a sacred space and should conduct ourselves accordingly.

BEST ADVENT EVER!

The Dynamic Catholic "Best Advent Ever" is a great online resource to help us prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever to sign up for this free daily video program that will be emailed directly to you to prepare for Christmas like never before.

"IGNITE YOUR PARISH" ADVENT PROGRAM

Start this Advent season off right and pick up your gift bundle after all Masses this weekend! Music from The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet are all part of the plan to help you celebrate these seasons in a deeper way. Bundles are available in hardcopy or digital formats, available at the entrances of our church. Have a blessed start to Advent as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior this Christmas!

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are in need of assistance during this holiday season and winter months, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jay directly. Our parishes have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society that works with those in need.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, meets on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings this Advent. Seating will be set up to maintain social distancing.

GIVING TREE

This Advent, please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our 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 by the last Mass on Sunday, December 13th.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis announced a "Year of St. Joseph" in which the faithful are encouraged to learn more about the Husband of Mary and the earthly Father of Jesus. This was done to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Throughout the year, I will be providing materials and opportunities for parishioners to cultivate a devotion to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church and Patron of our Parish.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORGAN FUND

The organ at St. Joseph's Church is preparing for the third phase of repairs. We would like to thank those who generously gave to their project. To date, **\$11,214** of \$17,500.00 has been raised. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort, there are envelopes at the main entrance of the church.

FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AT MASS

We ask that you please review our guidelines for opening our churches during the current health situation, and continued to wear your masks and observe social distancing. Please use hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit of church, as well as before and after receiving Holy Communion. Please refrain from any form of the Sign of Peace. Please use only center aisle for Communion.

"SCHOOL OF PRAYER"

Deacon Paul has started a new series called School of Prayer. In this series we will learn how the Church prays, the different forms and stages of prayer, the spiritual aids that help us to pray well, how to recognize and overcome common obstacles to prayer, and practical tips for developing good habits of prayer. The Monday Morning Study Group meets every Monday at 10:00 am in St. Joseph's Hall and is open to all. For more information contact Deacon Paul at paul.levesque@comcast.net

MY PARISH APP

Our new St. Joseph & St. Michael Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish, or **by texting the word APP to 88202 from your smart phone.** Download the App, and select —St. Joseph and St. Michael Parish App from the list of available parishes.

MASS DURING SNOW STORMS

As we enter the winter season and inclement weather, please be advised that daily Mass will be cancelled if school is canceled. All Mass intentions will be rescheduled. Weekend Masses will not be cancelled unless such severe conditions warrant a driving ban. Please use prudence and safety.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

This month, 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. We thank you for your generosity.

WELCOMING PEOPLE TO MASS AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for us to be witnesses of our Catholic Faith and to invite others to share our joy. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, I invite you to consider two things: First, making a deliberate point to invite people to join you for Mass this Christmas. We have all heard the expression, "Keep Christ in Christmas" but let us also remember to "Keep Mass in Christmas" (Christmas is Christ's Mass). Your simple invitation can have a huge impact on one's life. Second, let us remember the virtue of hospitality. There are many guests who will be joining us for Mass on Christmas who are not normally here. Let us give them a reason to want to come back next Sunday - a warm welcome to our Church and parish community. Please extend that hospitality to the parking lot! Be joyful! Be welcoming!

PARISH EXCELLENCE AWARD

I am honored to share with you great news for our parishes. Recently, the Parish Excellence Summit Team voted on their awards and granted our parishes the top award for Website Innovations and Excellence during Covid. The panel felt that our reach to our parishioners, whether through Fr. Jay's blog, the book recommendations, the Stimulus Package, and daily videos offered many ways for us to stay connected as parishioners. We are grateful for this great honor, but it was done for God's Glory and for all of you!

PERSONAL MISSALETTES FOR SALE

We are not able to have commonly used Missalettes but if you would like your own copy of the new Missalette, please contact the parish office. They are \$5 each. They are available for sale in the office.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Michael's school is continuing to take applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Our pre-school program takes students ages 3 and 4, but space is limited. Call the school office today 508.678.0266 or speak directly with Fr. Jay. Financial assistance is available.

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!

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Enter the link below in a web browser and you will be brought to the — Welcome to Amazon Smile page. Be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA. Or type the link below in your browser, and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School.

Visit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/042106670>

SCHOOL SPIRIT STORE

St. Michael School has items for sale from its School Spirit Store, including mugs, blankets, umbrellas and Christmas ornaments and more. If you would like to place an order for any items, please contact the parish or school office.

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Groups 1A & 2C

Wednesday, December 16th - 6-7PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Grades 3-7

Remote Class - Class 7

Students must sign in at Mass each week. If the student attends Mass outside of our parishes, please collect a bulletin and have the pastor sign and date the bulletin. Please include your child's name on the bulletin when turning it in.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Lisa Ouellette at louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org or 508.567.3638.

Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Grade 8 Confirmation Class

Break for Christmas

Grade 9 Confirmation Class

Break for Christmas

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Lucy Mello at analuciamello910@gmail.com

Students must sign in at Mass each week. If the student attends Mass outside of our parishes, please collect a bulletin and have the pastor sign and date the bulletin. Please include your child's name on the bulletin when turning it in.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Milton Curran, Robert R. Curran

Sunday, December 13th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - For the People of Parish

10:45AM - Hailey Allard, Nicholas Tyrrell, Elaine Capeto, Isabel Capeto, Irene Mello, Janice Carty

Tuesday, December 15th

9:00AM - Manuel and Agnes Lawrence

Thursday, December 17th

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

Saturday, December 19th

9:00AM - Mariana Velho, Jaime and Maria DaPonte, John Pereira

Saturday, December 19th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira, Albert Garant Jr., Humberto and Maria L Furtado, Manuel and Sofia Travassos, Stella Citino, Maria dos Santos Palhinha, Maria Regina Vertentes, Leo Hamel, Antonio V. Amaral, Miguel and Delores Massa, Geraldine Ryder, Carolyn Desmarais

Sunday, December 20th - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Norman L. Rivard

10:45AM - Manuel de Mendonca

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 5-6, 2020

First Collection: \$3,135.00

Monthly School Collection: \$ 620.00

This week's Second Collection:

Christmas Flowers

(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

(Non-Assessable)

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 5-6, 2020

First Collection: \$2,839.00

Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$ 594.00

This week's Second Collection:

Christmas Flowers

(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

(Non-Assessable)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Miguel and Helen Aguiar, Antonio F. Cabral, Manuel, Albert and Antonia Mello, Doris Stevens, Jose and Diamantina Amaral, Alvaro and Palmira Luciana Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Joao and Germana Medeiros, Fernanda Barroso, Kimberly Dias, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Jose, Belmira, Antonio, Joao, KerriAnne, Jose Fonseca, Manuel Farias, Leontina Bizarro, Antonio Ambrosio, Roberto Botelho, Maria das Neves Rego, Humberto Rego, Evelyn Botelho, Dolores and Joseph Correia, Freitas, Andrade and Bernard families, Serafim and Maria Rezendes, Arthur Rezendes, William Cabral, Antonio Medeiros and family, Carlos V. Alves, Ifredo and Delia Peixoto, Norberto and Aurelia Soares, Durval Rebello

Sunday, December 13th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Taylor Patricio, intentions of Patricio family

12:00PM - Diamantina Machado, Joao Fernandes, Octavio Raposo, Encarnacao Medeiros, Daniel Raposo

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Monday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

9:00AM - Silvana Barreira, Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 16th

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 18th

9:00AM - Maria Fonseca Oliveira

Saturday, December 19th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Toni Costa

Sunday, December 20th - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Jose S. Mendes, Carlos, Jose, Fernando and Maria Martins, Genoveva Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Mario and Antonio M. Aguiar, Jose and Diamantina Do Rego, Natalie Silva, Jeffrey Martins, Peter C. Rego, Evelyn Botelho, Taylor Patricio, Manuel, Maria, Claudio, Manuel, Daniel, Zelia Leite, Iberia, Gabriela, Amelia Furtado, Maddox Almeida, Jose and Margarida Martins, Nashwa Holt, Joao Teixeira, Fr. Henry Dahl, Intentions Natividade and Albertino Martins, Antonio and Mary Lou Duarte

12:00PM - Moises Sousa, Gilberto Vieira, John DaSilva, Jacinto and Angelina Silva, Agostinho e Paixao Silva, Alex Silva, Angela Coimbra e familia, Moises Camara, Joao Carvalho, Jose Carvalho, Umbrazina, Hermano, Marcolino, Maria do Espirito Santo e Abel Teves, Maria de Jesus Aguiar, Julieta e Antonio Branco, Tony Branco, Jose Luis Cabral, Antonina e Mariano Sousa, Joao Oliveira, intencoes de esposa, para uma graca recebida, em honra de Nossa Senhora do Carmo, e Sta. Luzia

7:00PM - Natalie Souza

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Toni Costa

CHAPEL LAMP

For the Intentions of

Natividade Martins

MISSAS DE NATAL

Vespra de Natal - 24 de Dezembro

2:00PM - S. Miguel

4:00PM - S. Jose

6:00PM - S. Miguel

Dia de Natal - 25 de Dezembro

Meia Noite - S. Miguel (bilingual)

7:00AM - S. Jose

9:00AM - S. Miguel (Port.)

11:00AM - S. Jose

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-presente até 13 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.

PRÊMIO DE EXCELÊNCIA PARÓQUIAL

Fico honrado em compartilhar com vocês uma ótima notícia para nossas paróquias. Recentemente, a Parish Excellence Summit Team votou em seus prêmios e concedeu às nossas paróquias o prêmio máximo para Inovações e Excelência em Sites durante a Covid. O painel sentiu que o nosso alcance aos nossos paroquianos, seja através de pe. O blog de Jay, as recomendações do livro, o Pacote de estímulo e os vídeos diários oferecem muitas maneiras de nos mantermos conectados como paroquianos. Agradecemos por esta grande honra, mas foi feito para a Glória de Deus e para todos vocês!

SEGUINDO DIRETRIZES EM MASSA

Pedimos que reveja nossas diretrizes para abrir nossas igrejas durante a atual situação de saúde, e continue a usar suas máscaras e observar o distanciamento social. Use desinfetante para as mãos na entrada e saída da igreja, bem como antes e depois de receber a Sagrada Comunhão. Abstenha-se de qualquer forma do Sinal da Paz. Por favor, use somente o corredor central para a comunhão.

MISSALETES PARA O ADVENTO

Temos Missalettes na igreja. Fazem favor de tirar um livro. Se levar um Missalette Portugues, leve-o para casa e traga-o a todas as Missas para evitar os riscos associados ao COVID. Esta será sua Missalette até o final da temporada de Natal.

CARTAS DE NATAL

Agora disponível no escritório paroquial são um conjunto de cartões de Natal com fotos da nossa igreja decorada no tempo de Natal. Os conjuntos são de 12 cartas, com três imagens diferentes, por \$10 por conjunto.

TEMPO SAGRADO ANTES DA MISSA

Estou feliz que muitos tenham comentado sobre os Cantos Gregoriano antes da Santa Missa, ajudando-os a se preparar para a Santa Missa. Chegando cedo e lembrando -nos é uma maneira importante de preparar a celebração da Santa Missa, pois isso nos ajuda a limpar nossa mente, lembre-se porque estamos lá, e também para entrar na presença sagrada de Deus. Porque a Santa Missa é uma celebração comunal, há a tentação de conversar com os outros, mas peço respeitosamente que tentamos manter conversas até depois da Missa, ou se for necessário, para as ter na área do vestíbulo ou fora, de modo a não perturbar outros que vieram rezar. Lembremo-nos sempre de que estamos em um espaço sagrado e devemos nos conduzir em conformidade.

SUPORTE ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

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