

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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<u><b>ADORATION</b></u>	<u><b>HOLY MASS</b></u>		<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p>Daily Adoration Chapel 8AM-8PM</p> <p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM Benediction 6:45PM</p>	<p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p><u><b>Daily Mass (9AM)</b></u> Tuesday Thursday Saturday</p> <p><u><b>Weekends</b></u> Saturday 5:15PM Sunday 7:00AM 10:45AM</p>	<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p><u><b>Daily Mass</b></u> Monday (Port) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u><b>Weekends</b></u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) 7:00PM (Eng)</p>	<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p>Wednesdays 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:30PM</p> <p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p>

DECEMBER 6, 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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### **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**

### **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 will be sold in the church after all Masses this weekend.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

November 7th - School of Prayer, 10:00AM (SJ)  
- PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)  
- Advent Confessions, 6-8PM (SM)

December 8th - Bible Study, 9:30AM, 7PM (SJ)  
- Adoration/Confession, 6-7PM (SJ)

December 9th - Rel. Ed. Groups 1B & 2B, 6PM (SJ)  
- Confirmation Grade 9,  
7-8:30PM (SM)

### **CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

The sale of Christmas Cards will continue throughout Advent. The Christmas cards come in sets of 12, with 3 different photos of our church decorated at Christmas for \$10.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY MARRIED**

Congratulations to Adam DeSa and Rebecca Malenfant who recently had their marriage blessed at St. Joseph'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.

## **SECOND 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**

In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Michael's on Monday, December 7th from 6-8PM. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. There will be multiple priests here to hear confessions.

#### **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](http://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 no later than December 13th.

## 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.

## ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's appeal has ended. I am happy to announce that we have received **\$17,610**. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



It is with great joy that I announce the opening of our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Michael's! As I mentioned in my Pastoral Letter, "Come, Let Us Adore Him," I wanted to open this chapel to that there would be a place for people to pray at any hour they need to. It was clear to me during the coronavirus shutdown that there is a desire for people to have quiet time in a sacred place to pray. It was encouraging to see so many people take advantage of the Church being open in the mornings for private prayer. Unfortunately, for safety concerns, we cannot keep the churches open all day. However, that is possible with our chapel and I would like to go over some of the logistics here.

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 see me 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.



# 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 1B & 2B

Wednesday, December 9th - 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](mailto:louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org) or 508.567.3638.

## Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

### Grade 9 Confirmation Class

Wednesday, December 9th - 7:00-8:30PM

*St. Michael's Hall*

### Grade 8 Confirmation Class

Break for Christmas

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Lucy Mello at [analuciamello910@gmail.com](mailto: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 5th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Gilberto Vieira

### Sunday, December 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - Jose M. Frias, Delores Cunha, 19th Anniversary, Mary Hayes, Kenneth Baker

10:45AM - Miguel, Mary, Miguel Jr., Dolores, Louis and Evelyn Massa, Greyson Smith, Ann Connell, Edith Trainor

### Tuesday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

9:00AM - Evelyn Worsley

### Thursday, December 10th

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

### Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00AM - Hazel Grandfield

### 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

### Sanctuary Lamp

*In Memory of*  
Jose M. Frias

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

### November 21-22, 2020

First Collection: \$3,644.00

Human Development Campaign: \$ 398.00

### November 28-29, 2020

First Collection: \$3,451.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,164.00

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

### November 21-22, 2020

First Collection: \$2,357.00

Human Development Campaign: \$ 336.00

### November 28-29, 2020

First Collection: \$2,469.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 954.00

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 5th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Manuel S. Silva

### Sunday, December 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Armando Freitas, Mary Santo Cristo Sousa, Natalie M. Souza, Isidro Marcelino

12:00PM - Genoveva Furtado, Isaura Do Rego, Raul Medeiros, Eugenia da Luz, Rachel Fernandes Cordeiro, Antonio Santos e familia, Eulalia Varao, Manuel e Antonio Varao, Rosa Ferreira e familia, Jose Creador, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Jacinto e Maria dos Anjos Creador, Melanie Creador, Pedro Creador

7:00PM - John, Rose and Mailala Soares, Intentions of Ana Cabral and family

### Monday, December 7th - St. Ambrose

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

### Wednesday, December 9th - St. Juan Diego

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

### Friday, December 11th - St. Damasus

9:00AM - Hermano Alves, Abel Matias

### 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

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*  
Mateus Lubold

## CHAPEL LAMP

*In Memory of*  
Mateus Lubold

## **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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Visite: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/042106670>