

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.

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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 GREETINGS

It is with great joy that I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and assure you of my prayers for a blessed and happy New Year. Jesus Christ is born today! Let our hearts be filled with joy and happiness as we rejoice that God is close to each of us, especially in the difficult moments of our lives. Let us rejoice that we have a God who loves us and wants us to be close to him! As we celebrate his birth and enter into the new year, let us strive to bring that joy to those in our lives! Fr. Jay

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

With Christmas falling on a Saturday, there have been questions about Masses. We attend once for Christmas on either Friday, December 24 or Saturday, December 25th and once for Sunday, December 26th. Please note, there will be NO Saturday evening Masses on December 25th.

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 as well! Be joyful! Be welcoming!

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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| December 20th | - Study Group, 10AM
- Confirmation Gr. 8, 7PM (SM) |
| December 21st | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| December 22nd | - Confessions, 5-5:30PM (SM)
- No Rel. Ed Classes |

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4PM - St. Joseph's

5:30PM - St. Michael's (English)

Midnight Mass

12:00AM - St. Michael's (bilingual)

Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00AM - St. Joseph's

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

11:00AM - St. Joseph's

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

This weekend, the annual parish Christmas gift will be available at all Masses. This year's book is entitled "Life is Messy" by author Matthew Kelly. They will be available this weekend and next. After everyone who wants a copy has taken one, I invite you to take one for family and friends.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The office will be closed on 12/24 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Monday, December 27th. The office will also be closed from December 31st through January 1st. Thank you.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH

If you attend Mass here regularly, or are new here and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please call or stop by the parish office. Accurate counts of registered parishioners is important for pastoral planning purposes. It is also important for mailing and communications from the parish office. Additionally, it is important to be registered at a parish when you are asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation, without which, you can not be given a sponsor form.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our church will be participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign to support A Woman's Concern – Learn Your Options. In January, individuals and families will have the opportunity to respond to the issue of Life. We will be handing out Baby Bottles or a donation envelope for you to take home, fill with cash, checks, and change and bring them back to the church. Our financial support will help to make the services available free of cost to those who are in need of support and guidance in the fight for life! If you decide to give a donation by check, please make the check out to A Woman's Concern.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

An investment in the future of St. Joseph's Parish and St. Michael's Parish goes beyond the walls of our church; it has a life-changing impact on our parish's families and the community we serve, and helps keep the spirit of Christ's message alive for future generations. You can uphold our mission and help us thrive for years to come by remembering St. Joseph's or St. Michael's in your estate plans. Please see Fr. Jay to learn more.

PRAYER BEFORE THE NATIVITY

God our Heavenly Father, from the moment of creation you have never ceased showing your love for us. Even when we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death. Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary. Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of Godmade-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 30th from 10:30AM-12:30PM. Please pass along this information to families with young children that you may know and might be interested in our parish school. We appreciate everyone's effort to spread the word about our parish school, especially among families in our own parish. There is financial aid available.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH EMAILS AND TEXTS

Stay connected to our parishes and sign up to receive communications via email and text. Please sign up for our messaging service by texting the code "SMSJFR" to 84576.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1st is the feast
of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

9AM—Saint Joseph's

4:00PM—St. Michael's

5:15PM—St. Joseph's

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. As explained in the letter by Fr. Jay, we will be having a capital campaign to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our past and prepare for the future. 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 \$55,600.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioners, Jarred and Jennifer Hastie and Brittany Monteiro to St. Michael's Parish. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 9th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2021. We invite all families who had children baptized to either the 9:30AM Mass at St. Michael's or the 10:45AM Mass at St. Joseph's. At the end of Mass, families will be invited to stand for a special blessing, that the Lord continue to bless them as they strive to raise their children in the faith. If you need to have your child baptized, please speak directly to Fr. Jay or call the parish office.

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 cancelled. 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!

AMAZON SMILE TO SUPPORT SMS

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Michael School" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone,
2. Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features,
3. Select "St. Michael School" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

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



Adult Faith Formation Series

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

January 13th - Science and Religion

Many people think that religion and science are opposed to each other. Not true.

This session will examine how they are partners on the search for truth... which is ultimately the search for God.

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.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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WINE TASTING SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for our 10th Annual Wine Tasting, to be held on Saturday, February 5th. Tickets are now available at the Parish and School offices. If you or someone you know has a business that would like to support St. Michaels with an item for our silent auction or an advertisement in our program banner, please contact the parish office.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten will open on January 6th. Please let your family and friends with young children to save that date. 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.



PRE-REGISTRATION
for
Pre-K & Kindergarten
begins

JANUARY 6TH!

Call 508.678.0266
or visit
www.smsfr.org
for more information.

Religious Education News

Grades 1-7

Wednesday, December 22nd - No Class

Wednesday, December 29th - No Class

*Wednesday, January 5th - No Class,
Catechist Prep*

Grades 1-7, Class Resumes

Wednesday, January 12th - 6:15-7:35PM

St. Joseph's School

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, January 10th - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, January 24th - 7:00-8:30PM

St. Michael's Hall

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.

If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education, please do so by contacting the Religious Education Coordinator as soon as possible.

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Websites:

www.smpfr.org

www.stjosephschurchfr.com

Fr. Jay's Blog:

fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 18th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - June Roberts

Sunday, December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - George Arruda, Norman L. Rivard, Edward Gosselin, Alice E. Diniz, Normand Pelletier

10:45AM - Serafim and Maria Rezendes, Arthur Rezendes

Tuesday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius

9:00AM - Mariano and Delta Moniz and family

Thursday, December 23rd - St. John of Kanty

9:00AM - Rick and Linda McCarthy

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00PM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00AM - For the People of our Parish

11:00AM - Fr. John Perry

Sunday, December 26th - The Holy Family

7:00AM - Robert Moore

10:45AM - David Jardin, Elaine Capeto, Joseph and Anna Machado, Edmond and Faye Berube

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 18th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Michael and Helena Aguiar

Sunday, December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30AM - Diamantina Machado

12:00PM - Moises Barbosa, João M. Camara

7:00PM - Fr. John Andrews

Monday, December 20th

9:00AM - Gloria Albernaz and family

Wednesday, December 22nd

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5:30PM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

12:00AM - John D. Carvalho, Jose and Umbrazina Carvalho, Maria Jesus and Hermano Teves, Maria do Espirito Santo, Eugenia, Abel and Marcolino Teves, Lydia Gonsalves, Liberio Barbosa, Joao Barbosa, Maria Isabel Barbosa, Peter C. Rego, Miguel Medeiros, Sandra Barbosa, Mateus Lubold, Moises Barbosa

9:00AM - Taylor Patricio, William Cabral, Albert e Maria Roveredo, Robert Botelho, Michael Sousa

Sunday, December 26th - The Holy Family

9:30AM - Robert and Mary Black, Robert Cannata

12:00PM - Antero Matos Frias e familia, Genoveva Furtado, Alfredo Furtado, Isaura Rego, Manuel Natal, Maria Conceicao Tavares, Jose Maria e Gilda Lourenco e familia, Moises Camara, Joao Borges, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Belmira Tavares e familia

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 11-12, 2021

First Collection: \$4,024.00

Christmas Flowers Collection: \$1,587.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Building Maintenance
(Non-Assessable)

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 11-12, 2021

First Collection: \$2,342.00

Diocesan Assessment Collection: \$1,645.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Building Maintenance
(Non-Assessable)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - George Arruda

St. Michael's - Tony Costa

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - John D. Carvalho

BOAS FESTAS

É com muito alegria que aproveito esta oportunidade para desejar a cada um de vocês e suas famílias um Feliz Natal e assegurar-lhes minhas orações por um abençoado e feliz Ano Novo. Jesus Cristo nasceu no dia de Natal! Que nossos corações se encham de alegria e felicidade ao nos alegrarmos por Deus estar perto de cada um de nós, especialmente nos momentos difíceis de nossas vidas. Alegremo-nos por termos um Deus que nos ama e quer que estejamos perto dele! Enquanto celebramos seu nascimento e entramos no novo ano, vamos nos esforçar para trazer essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Fr. Jay

MISSAS PELO PROXIMO FIM DE SEMANA

Com o Natal caindo em um Sábado, surgiram dúvidas sobre as Missas. Atendemos uma vez no Natal na Sexta-Feira, 24 de Dezembro ou Sábado, 25 de Dezembro e uma vez no Domingo, 26 de Dezembro. Por favor, observe que NÃO haverá Missas à noite no Sábado em 25 de Dezembro.

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 communal, 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.

FESTA DA NOSSA SENHORA, MÃE DE DEUS

O dia 1 de Janeiro é um dia Santo de Guarda. Haverá Missas as 9 horas da manhã na Igreja de São José, as 4 horas da tarde na Igreja de São Miguel e as 5:15 na Igreja de São Jose.

ESCRITORIO ENCERRADO

Duvido as festas, o escritorio será encerrado no dia 24 de Dezembro para o Natal. Também, será encerrado no dia 31 de Dezembro, para o Ano Novo. Se haverá qualquer pergunta, faz favor de contatar o escritório.

MISSAS DE NATAL

Sexta-Feira, dia 24 de Dezembro - Vigilia

4PM - São José

5:30PM - São Miguel (Inglês)

Missa de Meia Noite

12:00AM - São Miguel (bilingual)

Sábado, dia 25 de Dezembro - Natal

7:00AM - São José

9:00AM - São Miguel (Português)

11:00AM - São José

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