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MASS TIMES

Sunday: *8:30 A.M. Spanish *10 A.M. English
*4:00 P.M. Creole

1st Sundays: One Multicultural Mass at 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
*12 P.M. Noon English

Sacramentos:

Confesiones: Sabados, 4:00pm-4:30pm, En la Capilla
Bautismo: Llama a la casa parroquial para informaciones.

Matrimonio: Llama al Parroco lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio para los encuentros premaritrimoniales.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:00pm-4:30pm Parish Center Chapel.

Baptism: Pre-sacramental instructions required. Call rectory to register for class.

Marriage: Phone Pastor at least 6 months before desired date to set up schedule of marriage preparation.

AUGUST 22, 2021



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{Weekday Masses are held in the Parish Center Chapel unless otherwise noted}

Sunday, August 22, 2021: Twenty-Frist Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM** Spanish
- 10:00 AM** For our parishioners at St. Justin-St. Michael's
- 4:00 PM** Special prayers for the Haitian Community, requested by our St. Justin-St. Michael Community

Tuesday, August 24, 2021: St. Bartholomew

- 12:00 PM** Birthday memorial for Ruth Jenkins

Wednesday, August 25, 2021: St. Louis & St. Joseph

- 12:00 PM** For the eternal repose of Monsignor Theophilus Okere;

Thursday, August 26, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For the eternal repose of Father Julius Mnegwa

Friday, August 27, 2021: St. Monica

- 12:00 PM** For the eternal repose of Father Robert Vargo

ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday (Office is closed on Friday)
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

WHAT'S YOUR OFFERING TO GOD TODAY?

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Bring an offering and come to His courts (Psalm 96:8):

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

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St. Justin — St. Michael Parish

FOOD PANTRY WAS CLOSED LAST WEEKEND

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

August 15, 2021

August 16, 2020

\$3,070.00

\$5,591.00

We are grateful for your contribution!



St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections

August 22: Weekly

August 29: Weekly

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:

Angelique Phillips, my granddaughter, Asking for Gods guidance and Protection. Requested by M. Evans



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the sick of our parish, and especially for: Mamie Gage, Lucille Chambers, Annie Mears, Michael Mierez, Norman Nesbeth, Michael Tutler, Luz Santana, George Jackson, Beverline Goines, Rose Johnson, Peter Alcide, Janet Pivarsky, Aaron Greene, Antoinette Forbes, Salvius Nestor, Muriel McDonald, LaJune Brown, Francisco Rivera, Dalvis Henriques, Concepcion Roman, Ruffin Davis, MaryAnn Carter, Ferdinand Anigbo, Perline Blake, Tio Blanks, Lloyd Francis, Jaya Emmanuel, Maria Francheshini, Tyler James, Mary-Ann George, June Young, Glenice Brooks, Outhone Ford, Gernett Goodison, Doloris Harper, Anthony Charles, Bernadette Pierre, Madeliene Nestor, J. Lorraine Tutler, Joey Arango, Verona Tai, Patricia Beckford, Hazel Smalls, Eliza Ferrier, Sylvia Williams, Henry McQuiller, Ellen Dorosh, Mathew Nestor, Pearlina Williston, Ruth Williams, Carol Lightbody, Marla Joseph and Bertram Morgan

If you would like Fr. Kingsley to visit you, or your loved one in the hospital, at home, or hospice, call (860) 246-6897.

ST. JUSTIN –ST. MICHAL PARISH FUNDRAISER IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

SJSM Fundraiser Committee has been carefully monitoring the Fundraising Event. There are several administrative challenges with an online event. We are committed to this fundraiser and to providing some much-needed fellowship for our Parishioners. We are CONFIDENT that we can SAFELY host an OUTDOOR EVENT, while maintaining all necessary Covid protocols.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

Sunday, September 12th (RAIN DATE, Sunday, September 19th) at **3:00 p.m.** (in order to have parishioners go home after Mass and have lunch). NO FOOD will be served at the event. Bottled Water will be available.

SJSM Jazz/Gospel Concert, with drawings for **fabulous Door Prizes!** (You MUST have a ticket to be eligible to win a door prize; winner NEED NOT be present.)

Tickets are **\$20 per person**. Children under 12 are **FREE**
We will have tents with some chairs for seating, and you are **welcomed to bring your own lawn chairs.**
Masks will be REQUIRED

Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible from any ministry leader. We look forward to seeing you there!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

The words we hear today are the words of eternal life. They are the same words that Jesus spoke to His disciples over 2000 years ago that, He is "the life-giving bread". They are the same words spoken by Joshua to the assembly of the children of Israel gathered at Shechem: "Decide who you shall worship. As for me and my family we shall worship the Lord". Do you worship the God of Israel who has provided all your needs, led you to cross the Red Sea, brought you out of the land of slavery in Egypt, fed you with manna in the desert, and settled you in the land that He promised? Or do you worship the gods of the Amorites, with eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear? The choice is yours! One of the remarkable things in this Sunday's readings, especially the first reading and the gospel, is that God is always offering us options from which we must choose. It underscores one of our greatest attributes and, indeed, our greatest endowment as human beings, that we enjoy the gift of freedom from our creator. This freedom, though, is such that can be used or abused. Although God never fails to indicate, and in unmistakable terms, what His will for us is, He, nonetheless, never takes away from us the freedom to choose. Yet, whatever choice(s) we end up making, there are consequences. In the midst of competing choices, and several courses of action available to us on any given day, good and bad, moral and immoral, Saint Paul enjoins us, like a true ambassador of Christ, to live in love, as Christ loved us. There could not be a greater or better way of pointing us in the direction of God's will. To live in love is to be patient, kind, compassionate, forgiving, merciful, meek and, in a nutshell, "to be holy as your heavenly father is holy". The pursuit of holiness must be our individual and collective aspirations as children of God on a journey to our homeland with the father. As we make our numerous daily choices, we pray that we are guided by the Spirit of knowledge, wisdom and good counsel, to choose only those things which are pleasing to the father, for the salvation of our souls. Amen.



Religious Education Classes begin on **Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 9 AM**. Classes will be in the Parish Center. **Registration will occur on that Saturday the 11th at 9 AM**



RCIA Classes will begin in September. To register or to receive more information contact the Parish Office.



What's happening at St. Justin-St. Michael Parish

As of Sunday (May 22/23), Archbishop Blair has announced there is an obligation once again to participate at Mass. Given Governor Lamont's declaration that "remaining restrictions will be lifted, except masks" on May 19, 2021, our churches can: Reopen to 100% capacity with no need for any specific social distancing. Both entrances are available to enter/exit the church. **Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021**, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any indoor or outdoor events held at our churches. Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention being given to the safety of young, unvaccinated children. We no longer need to do temperature checks at the door. Pew barriers (ropes) that were previously used to comply with social distancing can be removed. Floor decals will remain in place for now.

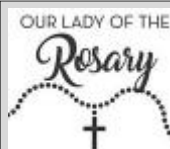
Liturgical Guidelines: Congregational singing is once again allowed, but masks need to remain on during singing and throughout the liturgy. The Sign of the peace can be announced but only to be exchanged without touching. The COVID-19 procedures for distributing Holy Communion will remain in place for now: Both the Priest/ Deacon and those receiving are to wear masks. Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hand, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their pew. Outdoor Masses continue to be an option and are allowed.

However, since the risk of infection still remains, the following individuals may decide not yet to attend church: those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers in close contact with someone who is; those who have tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19; and those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion, or who reside with someone who is quarantined.



ST JUSTIN—ST MICHAEL GIVING TREE

The Outreach Ministry at St. Justin-St. Michael will have the Giving Tree remain a permanent fixture in the church as a reminder that we all must continue to help the homeless. **We will continue to ask for donations of: Socks, Hats & Gloves, Washcloths, Deodorant, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Hand Sanitizer & Rain Ponchos. Thank you so much for what you continue to do for the least of our brothers and sisters. If you have any questions, you can speak with Cheryl Lawrence.**



PRAY THE ROSARY

Beginning Sunday, September 5 2021 The Knights of Columbus presents: Pray The Rosary. Every 1st Sunday of every month we will Pray the Rosary. It will be begin at **9:10 AM prior to our Multicultural Mass**. Bring in your petitions whether written or memory and present them to your Blessed Mother.

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