



# ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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### ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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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, Thursday, Friday): \*12 P.M. Noon English

\*6:00 P.M. Wednesday Outdoor Mass



### Finance Council

#### Members

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### 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

### 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

# SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



## ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

### Sunday, September 5, 2021: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**10:00 AM** In memory of Florine and Gulio Lundy, requested by Flo Lundy;  
Special intention for Hyacinth Fisher for her 101st birthday, requested by Lena Fisher-Butler;  
For the eternal repose of Augustin James

### Tuesday, September 7, 2021: Weekday

**12:00 PM** In thanksgiving for a special intention

### Wednesday, September 8, 2021: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**6:00 PM Outdoor Mass**

### Thursday, September 9, 2021: St. Peter Claver

**12:00 PM** For the eternal repose of Father John Paul Ezeonyido

### Friday, September 10, 2021: Weekday

**12:00 PM** Asking for God's protection on all children. Especially for Owen and Holden. Asking for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding for the school year, requested by their Nana, Judith Williams



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:

**Those who have died from the coronavirus this week.**



### 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. 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):

**The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.**

The Malta Food Pantry at  
St. Justin — St. Michael Parish  
Served 125 families this past weekend

### OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

**August 22- 29, 2021      August 30, 2020**

**\$6,247.00                      \$2,098.00**

**We are grateful for your contribution!**



## St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections

September 5: Monthly and Weekly

September 12: Maintenance and Weekly

September 19: Weekly

September 26: Catholic Elementary Sch. and Weekly

### ST. JUSTIN -ST. MICHAEL 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection

This week's readings center around providing healing to the brokenhearted, the wounded and the down trodden. Through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, God promises strength to the frightened, and sight to the blind. Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of the promises of the Father. In His ministry, the Word Incarnate brought God's love and mercy to those most in need of it. In today's gospel we see how He dealt graciously with the man who was deaf and had speech impediment. He used every resource available to Him to convey God's infinite mercy, especially to the seemingly hopeless. Our world is in need of so much healing today. We certainly need Jesus at every moment of our lives, but it is obvious we need Him now more than ever. There is so much brokenness, so much desolation, so much anxiety and pain, so much sadness and hopelessness. We see that in the frequent loss of lives, in the prevalence of hunger and disease, in both man-made and natural disasters, from Afghanistan to Haiti, and to Louisiana, where people are feeling powerless in the face of crippling natural disasters. Our world is definitely in need of divine intervention. Yet, as we pray and hope for what God can do for us, it is important that we do not fail in those things that we can do for one another: A kind word, a warm smile, a gentle attitude, a helping hand, and a prayerful thought. We can each decide to reach out in love to someone who is hurting, hungry, sick, lonely or afraid. You can be that good neighbor, that instrument through whom the love of God is made available to His sons and daughters in need. May God strengthen us as we work to be messengers of divine healing for a world in need. Amen.



## 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, 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 PARISH BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH NOVEMBER 2021

### Sunday, November 7 – Multicultural Mass:

- Parishioners attending Mass are welcome to wear clothing that reflects their cultural heritage.
- Brief presentation on Black Catholic History after Communion and invitation to Coffee Hour after Mass.

### Sunday, November 14 – Our Youth, the future of Black Catholicism:

- This week our Religious Education and Teen Ministry team will give a presentation that focuses on Black Catholic History.

### Sunday, November 21 – Nourish the Spirit, Nourish the Body

- This week we will highlight the unique ways that Black Catholics worship. Also, we will explore the foods that our various communities associate with celebration.
- Invitation to sample ethnic dishes in Jubilee Hall after Mass with discussion about the forms of "Joyful Worship" experienced among Black Catholics.

### Sunday, November 28 – Racism in the Catholic Church:

- This week we will host panel discussion on racism and we will provide reading materials on the topic.



## 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.**

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