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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



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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 12, 2021



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

Sunday, September 12, 2021: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM** Spanish
- 10:00 AM** For Kantius Joshua Jr. Happy Birthday, from your family; Blessings for Rudy Brooks and Grandson, Caleb, on their birthdays today.
- 3:00 PM** **SJSM Summer Fundraiser**
- 4:00 PM** Creole

Tuesday, September 14, 2021: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021: Our Lady of Sorrows

- 6:00 PM** **Outdoor Mass**

Thursday, September 16, 2021: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

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

Friday, September 17, 2021: St. Robert

- 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 the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

The Malta Food Pantry at

St. Justin — St. Michael Parish

Food Pantry Was Closed Last Weekend

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

September 5, 2021 September 6, 2020

\$5,286.00

\$4,169.00

We are grateful for your contribution!

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



September 12: Maintenance and Weekly

September 19: Weekly

September 26: Catholic Elementary Sch. and Weekly

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:

**The Children and Grandchildren of M. Evans.
Asking for Gods guidance and protection.**



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, Peline 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, Muriel McDonald 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 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

Our understanding of who God is plays a fundamental role in determining our relationship with Him. God could either be that being who occupies a particular space in our lives, or serves one type of purpose, or He can be everything that has meaning and value for our lives. He can be just a healer, for instance, to whom we run when we have challenges relating to our health, or he can be a protector upon whom we call for the safety of our journeys. He can be our comforter when we are grief stricken or He can be our solace when we face financial difficulties. He can be our recourse when we are searching for a life partner or a counselor when our marriage is in crisis. Or He can also be a combination of these values and resources. Either way, God is seen only from a purely materialistic point of view, to be used and dumped at will. We implore Him when we encounter that particular problem which we believe He can help us to solve, and we get rid of Him as soon as that problem is over. Such an understanding would amount to a mere instrumental value whereby God is utterly disposable, and completely dispensable. Who is God to you? Who is Jesus to you? This is very much like the question that Jesus posed to His disciples in today's gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The gospel tries to paint a comprehensive portrait of Jesus as the anointed one, based off of Peter's response, but also as the suffering servant of God, whose glory is intermingled with His suffering on the cross. From this, we have an idea of a Jesus as both Father and Friend, Lord and Master, Savior and Redeemer. He is the son of God and the image of the invisible God who is willing to give up everything for the salvation of our souls, including a shameful death on the cross. What that means is that God should be present in every aspect of our lives, in good and bad times, in poverty and riches, in sorrow and grief. He is that Father who wants only what is best for us, and whose sole plan for us is to bring us to inherit that treasure that is inconceivable to the human mind, eternal life with Him in heaven. That is who Jesus is. We pray that God may grant us the grace to realize how much He loves and longs for us to be with Him, and that we may be willing to give Him our love in return. Amen.

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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 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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Sponsored by The Father Nadolny Good News Fund St. Luke Productions Presents Tolton: From Slave to Priest. It will be held here at St. Justin—St. Michael Parish on **Saturday, October 9 at 5 PM. Admission is Free-Will Offering. Masks will be required for all attendees.** Call the Parish Office for more information. *Suitable for Ages 10 and up*

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