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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 25 & 26, 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

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. JAY

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

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.

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY

With the January 1st Holy Day falling on a Saturday, there have been questions about Masses. We attend once for the Holy Day on Saturday and once for Sunday, January 2nd.

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 |

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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The office will be closed on 12/31 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd. Thank you.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

If you are expecting a child or planning a wedding, and would like to schedule a baptism or wedding ceremony, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Jay.

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

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION God's mercy is one of His greatest gifts to us. If you would like to "go to confession," the schedule is as follows. Tuesday from 6-7PM at St. Joseph's Church, Wednesday from 5-5:30PM at St. Michael's Church, Saturday from 9:30-10:30AM at St. Joseph's Church and 3-3:45PM at St. Michael's Church.

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.

Sharing Our Faith

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.

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

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!

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BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, will take place on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

On Sunday, January 9th, St. Joseph's will have our monthly Second Sunday Social after 7AM and 10:45AM Masses. All are invited to join us for coffee and pastries, as we enjoy time with our fellow parishioners.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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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.

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.



Religious Education News

Grades 1-7

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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Fr. Jay's Blog:

fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26th - The Holy Family

7:00AM - Robert Moore

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

Tuesday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

Thursday, December 30th

9:00AM - Antero Frias

Saturday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

5:15PM - For the People of our Parish

Sunday, January 2nd - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin

10:45AM - David Cordeiro Miranda, Ronald Capeto, Manuel Capeto, Isabel Capeto

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 27th - St. John

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Wednesday, December 29th - St. Thomas Becket

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 31st - St. Sylvester

9:00AM - David Cordeiro Miranda

Saturday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

4:00PM - Durval and Maria C. Rebello

Sunday, January 2nd - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30AM - Christopher Durand, Maria and Luis Botelho and family, Antonio and Conceicao Rego and family, Ursalina Tavares and family, Jacinto Creador, Genoveva and Alfredo Furtado, Isaura Do Rego

12:00PM - Pelo Povo da Paroquia

7:00PM - Louise Pereira

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December 18-19, 2021

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Norman Rivard

St. Michael's - Robert Mello

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - John D. Carvalho

BOAS FESTAS DE PADRE JAY

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

BEM-VINDO À NOSSA PARÓQUIA!

Se estão visitando as igrejas de São Miguel ou São José para a celebração do Natal, bem-vindo as nossas igrejas. Estamos honrados e abençoados por tê-lo aqui conosco nesta ocasião especial, a celebração do nascimento do nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo! Somos duas paróquias com só um pastor, que servem os que estão no norte da cidade de Fall River e nas cidades vizinhas. Ambas as paróquias têm uma longa e rica tradição, e estamos construindo sobre essa história enquanto olhamos o futuro, e convidamos a fazerem parte disso. Estamos aqui para servir o Senhor, e todos! Permita-me novamente desejar-te e á sua família um Feliz Natal e muito prospero Ano Novo. Recebe este convite para se juntar a nós todos os Domingos na Santa Missa. Por favor, não hesite em falar comigo se houver algo que eu possa fazer para ajudar-te. Deus te abençoe! Pe. Jay

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.

SOLENIIDADE DA NOSSA SENHORA, MÃE DE DEUS

Sábado, 1 de Janeiro é a festa de Nossa Senhora, Mãe de Deus

Sábado, dia 1 de Janeiro

9AM—São José

4:00PM—São Miguel

5:15PM—São José

ESCRITORIO ENCERRADO

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

MISSAS PELO PROXIMO FIM DE SEMANA

Com o Natal caindo em um Sábado, surgiram dúvidas sobre as Missas. Atendemos uma vez no Sábado, 1 de Janeiro e uma vez no Domingo, 2 de Janeiro. Por favor, observe que NÃO haverá Missas no dia 31 de Dezembro.

MAU TEMPO

À medida que entramos na estação do inverno e mau tempo, informe-se sobre a Missa diária. Quando a escola é cancelada, não há Missa. Todas as intenções de Missa serão reprogramadas. As Missas de fim de semana não serão canceladas a menos que tais condições severas justifiquem uma proibição de condução. Por favor, use prudência e segurança!

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