

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday:
English: 8:00am
10:30am Upper Church
Portuguese 10:30 am Lower Church
Brazilian: 12:00pm



Weekday Mass Schedule 9:00am

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

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Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to the St. Michael community. Please introduce yourself to Father, call or visit the Parish Center or visit us online at www.stmikes.org to fill out a registration form. As a parish committed to the vision of stewardship, we encourage your involvement by sharing with us your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. For detailed information about our ministries, parish activities and contact persons, refer to our parish website.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Baptism catechesis for the parent(s) and godparent(s) is held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Register online at www.stmikes.org or call the Parish Center and ask for Pat Conte ext. 306.

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****PARISH CENTER HOURS****
Monday/Tuesday—9:00am-3:00pm
Thursday/Friday—9:00am-3:00pm

Marriage

Arrangements **MUST** be made at least 6 months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Please call the Parish Center to schedule your date and make an appointment to speak with Pat Conte our wedding coordinator.

Ministry of the Sick

Please notify us if there is a sick or aged family member or friend who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion at home.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in the lower church, and by appointment.

RCIA

If you have not been baptized or were baptized but have not received First Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation, please contact Sheila Mahoney at 978-562-3148, call or email the Parish Center.

St. Michael's Cemetery

Cemetery lots are available. For information contact Helena at the Parish Office.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.

Confessions have been resumed at regular time at St. Michael's Parish.



Saturday **December 25, 2021**
 8:00am St. Michael's Parishioners
 10:30am St. Michael's Parishioners
 10:30am Portuguese & Brazilian Mass
 (Lower Church)
NO 4pm MASS on Christmas Day

Sunday **December 26, 2021**
 8:00am St. Michael's Parishioners
 10:30am Arthur & Doreen Chadbourne
 10:30am Portuguese & Brazilian(Lower Church)

Monday **December 27, 2021**
 9:00am Pedro, Paul & Jose Janeiro
 Barbara & Catherine Gilroy
 Virginia Fernandes

Wednesday **December 29, 2021**
 9:00am John B. Monteiro
 Virginia Fernandes
 Fernando Melo

Friday **December 31, 2021**
 9:00 am Fr. Viera
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Saturday **January 1, 2021**
9:00 am Holy Day Mass
 4:00 pm Robert & Mary O'Malley,
 Dennis Murphy

Sunday **January 2, 2021**
 8:00am St. Michael's Parishioner
 10:30am Helder Bairos
 10:30am Portuguese Mass (Lower Church)
 12:00pm Brazilian Mass

If you have requested a Mass intention and would like to have a family member present the gifts, please see an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before the start of the Mass.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



*Bread and Wine in Memory of
 Fernando S. Melo & Deceased Relatives*

*Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of
 Manuel da Silva Melo
 From the Business Office*

Weekly Income:	\$10,000.00
To Meet Expenses	
On Line Giving:	\$1,996.00
In Church Giving:	\$7,928.30
Other Income Received:	\$2,629.00
Over Budge (shortfall):	\$2,553.00
Grand Annual Total to date:	\$34,688.00

Numbers are from December 11 & 12

December 25th Christmas Collection is for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust this is the only collection

Christmas Mass Schedule
Saturday December 25
there will be NO 4:00pm Mass



CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm— Christmas Eve — upper church
 4:00pm— Christmas Eve — lower church
 6:00pm— Christmas Eve — upper church
 8:00pm—Christmas Eve—Portuguese/Brazilian

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am — Christmas Day— upper church
 10:30am Christmas Day, upper Church
 10:30am— Christmas Day— lower church for Portuguese / Brazilian



The True Light Has Come into the World, Shines in the Darkness, and the Darkness Did Not Overcome it.

The mystery of new life is a ponderous one. I think the marvel of enfolding a newborn in one's arms would leave us trembling with awe if we weren't also gingerly aware of the how delicate a thing it is to hold a human life. The possibilities of newness, of fresh beginnings, are bundled up with each infant. Who that person is, and the gifts (s)he brings into the world—personality, character, talents, outlook—everything that goes along with a unique individual is nestled into the baby, ready to unfold with the years, to blossom and develop as the person grows. It's no wonder the Blessed Mother treasured the shepherd's words and pondered them in her heart as she rocked the Baby Jesus.

I don't think I'm spoiling Christmas for anyone when I say that December 25th isn't actually Jesus's birthday. It's just the day we've designated to celebrate the fact that the Lord God Almighty was born as a human infant. The reason the date was chosen is that it's so close to the winter solstice, December 21st. Astronomically, daylight begin to increase in the northern hemisphere starting from that date; it's a fitting symbol for the light of the world—Christ Himself—extending His life in the world.

But it's also tied to the new year. Even decades before Jesus's birth, the western world celebrated the start of a new year on January 1st. Christ's entrance into the world inaugurates a new age, appropriately captured with the new year ushered in a week after we celebrate His birth. As we prepare for the fresh start that each new year represents for us, as we whet our appetites for new possibilities like we do each holiday season, it's always the echo of the true newness of life that gives these expectations their real force.

I've heard that there's not much hope being held out for this new year. We waited for 2020 to be over, but 2021 didn't offer any relief from the burden most people felt so oppressively. Now, apparently, very few people anticipate anything better from 2022. But when earthly hope dims, the glow of heavenly hope should radiate more vividly. Just as bright possibilities come alive with the mystery of newborn life, the nativity of our Savior carries the mystery of eternal life. It's the hope for the promise made by the Child's Name: Emmanuel—the hope that God is with us, even when the winter light seems so fleeting.

Wishing a blessed Christmas to you and those you love, a happy celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family, and a hope-filled New Year.

Fr. Ren

A verdadeira luz veio ao mundo, brilha nas trevas, e as trevas não a superaram.

O mistério da nova vida é pesado. Eu acho que a maravilha de envolver um recém-nascido nos braços nos deixaria tremendo de admiração se não estivéssemos também cautelosamente conscientes de como é delicado segurar uma vida humana. As possibilidades de novidades, de novos começos, são empacotadas com cada criança. Quem é essa pessoa, e os dons que ela traz ao mundo - personalidade, caráter, talentos, perspectiva - tudo o que vem junto com um indivíduo único está aninhado no bebê, pronto para envolver com os anos, para florescer e se desenvolver conforme a pessoa cresce. Não é de admirar que a Mãe Santíssima valorizasse as palavras do pastor e as ponderasse em seu coração enquanto embalava o Menino Jesus.

Não acho que estou estragando o Natal quando digo que 25 de dezembro não é realmente o aniversário de Jesus. É apenas o dia que designamos para celebrar o fato de que o Senhor Deus Todo-Poderoso nasceu como uma criança humana. A razão pela qual a data foi escolhida é que está muito perto do solstício de inverno, 21 de dezembro. Astronomicamente, a luz do dia começa a aumentar no hemisfério norte a partir dessa data; é um símbolo adequado para a luz do mundo - o próprio Cristo - estendendo Sua vida no mundo.

Mas também está vinculado ao ano novo. Mesmo décadas antes do nascimento de Jesus, o mundo ocidental comemorou o início de um novo ano em 1º de janeiro. A entrada de Cristo no mundo inaugura uma nova era, apropriadamente capturada com o ano novo inaugurado uma semana após celebrarmos Seu nascimento. Enquanto nos preparamos para o recomeço que cada novo ano representa para nós, enquanto abrimos nosso apetite por novas possibilidades como fazemos em cada temporada de férias, é sempre o eco da verdadeira novidade de vida que dá a essas expectativas sua verdadeira força.

Ouvi dizer que não há muita esperança para este novo ano. Esperava-mos que 2020 acabassem bem, mas 2021 não ofereceu nenhum alívio para o fardo que a maioria das pessoas sentiam de forma opressiva. Agora, aparentemente, muito poucas pessoas antecipam algo melhor a partir de 2022. Mas quando a esperança terrena esmaece, o brilho da esperança celestial deve irradiar mais vividamente. Assim como as possibilidades brilhantes ganham vida com o mistério da vida recém-nascida, o nascimento de nosso Salvador carrega o mistério da vida eterna. É a esperança pela promessa feita pelo Nome da Criança: Emmanuel - a esperança de que Deus esteja conosco, mesmo quando a luz do inverno parece tão passageira.

Desejando a todos vós e aos seus entes queridos um feliz Natal, uma feliz festa da Sagrada Família e um Ano Novo cheio de esperança.

Padre Ren

Mass Intentions for January through June are now available to be scheduled for year 2022. Call the Parish Office at 978-562-2552 to schedule for Mass Intentions or email Vina at Office@stmikes.org Thank You!

Online Giving

Promotion to Benefit the Parish

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through WeShare by December 31, 2021.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael Parish is here to assist people in the Hudson community. When an individual or family is experiencing a need for financial or informational assistance, please feel free to contact us directly at, 978-618-5175. We are here to help!



Inclement Weather Notice

If there is a delay or cancelation at Hudson Public Schools due to the weather, the Daily Mass will be cancelled. Also if there's a school closing due to weather the Parish Office will be closed. .

Suicide Prevention

Unfortunately suicide is a very real issue in our society today. If you or someone you know is looking for information or help please go to:

www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide.
Where you can find resources and help.



EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st

Following the 4:00 PM Mass
for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
St. Michael Church in Hudson (Upper Church)

*Will you sit with Our
Lord?*

Create a new habit in 2022!

We're adding Adoration every 4th Friday night of the month going forward!
6-8 PM in the Upper Church of St. Michael's

Upcoming Dates:

December 31 • January 28 • February 25 • March 25 • April 29

Not Feeling Well?

Take Care of Yourself

It's cold and flu season, and even though the new strain of Covid-19 seems to be mild, we don't want anyone getting sick. If you're feeling under the weather, please feel free to take a week off from coming to Mass—we promise: we'll let you have your seat back when you return!

Also, please be mindful of others. If you're coughing or sneezing, please do so into the inner-elbow of your sleeve. Help keep everyone safe!

Thank you, and God bless!



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