Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Music for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025

Processional Hymn: #272 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Offertory Hymn

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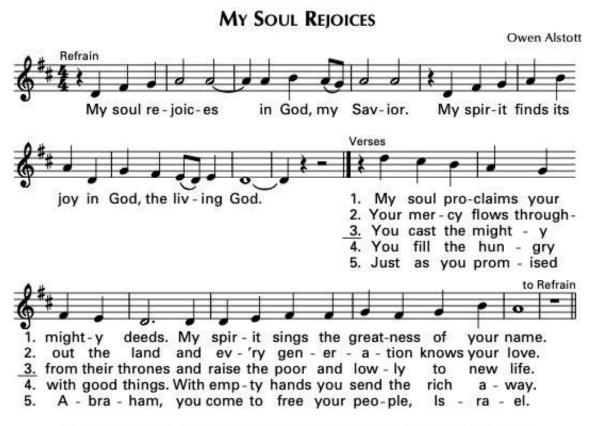
HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Carey Landry



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Hymn of Praise: Christ, Be Our Light (by Bernadette Farrell)

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Recessional Hymn: #270 O Come, Divine Messiah



During the first Sunday of Advent, I challenged myself in my homily to memorize four scripture verses during Advent. I also invited you to do the same. I'd like to share the first set of verses I chose to memorize. It's from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

To rejoice always is to recognize that when we hope in the Lord's promises we are at peace because He only wishes the best for us which will bring us eternal happiness. We celebrated Gaudete Sunday last week to remind ourselves to rejoice that the Lord is coming soon.

To pray constantly is to purposely strive to grow in relationship with God throughout our day and while doing that giving Him thanks for being present in good and bad times.

A Message from Our Clergy

Fr. Bert

In the readings on this Fourth Sunday of Advent we hear about two men, Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Paul, the apostle, accepting God's will to prepare humanity for the coming of the Son of God.

Despite Joseph's hesitancy to accept Mary as his wife upon learning she was with child; he accepts the explanation of an angel of the Lord that appeared to him in a dream. He instantly learned from the angel about the identity of the child as one who will save people from their sins by the name he was to give him - Jesus. In humble obedience he took Mary as his wife. We are grateful for St. Joseph's role in salvation history as protector of the Child Jesus and the Blessed Mother.

St. Paul begins his letter to the Romans introducing himself as one called to be a slave of Christ Jesus. He then explains who Jesus was, the Son of God, and through His resurrection from the dead we have received the grace of apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith. St. Paul through his journeys through the Gentile territories brings the gospel message of the peace of Christ throughout the world. Through his letters, which have survived as part of Sacred Scripture, St. Paul was preparing his readers for Christ's second coming.



I arrived here at St. Michael's eleven months ago accepting what God had in store for me and now, I'm delighted to spend my first Christmas at this parish. I have also tried to bring the message of our faith and administer the sacraments to prepare us for when we meet Christ when we die or at the end of time. In doing so I've experienced the highs and lows of your lives in baptisms, weddings, anointings of the sick, and funerals. We have celebrated together Portuguese and Brazilian feasts and reaped the benefits of fundraising to maintain and enhance our worship space. We also look forward to celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the parish in 2026.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this Christmas and always remain with you in the New Year!

Fr. Bert

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 20, 9 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat. December 20, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. December 21, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Sun. December 21, 10 a.m. Maria Rosa Braga

Matthew Steen

Barbara and Kay Gilroy

Deceased Members of the Jose Fontes Family

Deceased Members of the Maria Fontes Family

Wed. December 24, 9 a.m. Skip Buchanan
Thu. December 25

Merry Christmas!

Fri. December 26, 9 a.m.

Sat. December 27, 9 a.m.

Barbara and Kay Gilroy

Jeanne Maria Valborge

Sat. December 27, 4 p.m. Mildred Guthy

Geraldine & Robert Abraham

Bernard & Joan Cauley James DiGeronimo

Sun. December 28, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. December 28, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

December Sponsors

Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Maria Rosa Braga Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Mary & Lawrence Leary, Bob Alexander and Carol Radford

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel

11:30 a.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

Daily Mass: English Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration (Portuguese/Brazilian)

First Fridays: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration Only

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration

Confession also available after most Masses

by request or by appointment

MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.

* MASS INTENTION * ALTAR CANDLES * BREAD & WINE *

If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, sponsor Altar Candles or Bread & Wine, please contact the parish office. The new Mass Intention book is open for reserving a Mass through June 2026.



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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback. Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

St. Vincent de Paul

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners to be announced, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Upper Church.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses—see schedule for details.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26—The Parish Center will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24 and be closed all day on both December 25 and December 26—Merry Christmas!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—The Parish Center will close at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1—The Parish Center will be closed all day—Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)—see schedule for details.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)—see schedule for details.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2—First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., English, Upper Church | 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Portuguese, Lower Church. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3—St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Parish Center (immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass). Open to anyone interested in this important ministry.

<u>THURSDAY</u>, <u>JANUARY 8</u>—Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Lower Church

<u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>JANUARY 13</u>—Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthias Parish Hall, 409 Hemenway St, Marlborough.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25—150th Anniversary Bilingual Mass, 11:00 a.m., Upper Church. Celebration followed by a luncheon at the Hudson Portuguese Club. More details to follow.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 2—8, 2025*

*We are catching up with providing totals from previous weeks due to earlier printer deadlines throughout the holiday season.

Thank you for your patience.

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory	Maint. & Development
In-Pew	\$9,379	\$2,435
Online Giving	\$3,118	\$405
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,497	\$2,840

Electronic Online Donations are Increasing

We are starting to see an increase in On-Line giving. Thank you. Please consider this type of giving as it is better for the Parish.

If this is difficult for you to set up on your own, please feel free to call Marcy at the parish center and she can assist you.



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Increased Offertory Update

If you have not yet responded, please drop your pledge form in the Sunday basket or send it back in the mail. It will help us keep our records up to date. Thank you.

The Main Offertory Collections at all the

<u>Christmas Masses</u> will benefit the

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust.

December 21—No second collection

December 28—No second collection

THE FINAL DAYS OF ADVENT

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). For more information, check out our website at https://www.stmikes.org/advent-season

Vision of Life and Hope during the Advent Season

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.

The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Please consider making a New Year's Resolution that truly matters: one that will deepen your relationship with God. Some suggestions may include:

- Attending daily or First Friday Masses
- Reading the Bible more regularly or listening to the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Going to confession more regularly
- Praying the Rosary daily
- Volunteering at the church

May God bless you and your families in 2026!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry will start up again in January. We create knitted or crocheted wraps for the homebound, people in hospitals, new moms, the elderly, anyone who is in need of a warm hug of a shawl. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, there is always someone there who can help—beginners are welcome! We will meet on Monday, January 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Parish Center. Bring yourself and a friend, a knitting project you have going, or just some needles and yarn and a desire to learn. Questions? Please email Pat at moepatty@comcast.net - See you there!

LADIES SODALITY

The Ladies' Sodality Ministry is sponsoring a drawing for a 32" TV. To purchase tickets, you may call Martha 978-562-2705 or Noemia at 978-568-1340. Tickets are 3 chances for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, January 18 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church. Proceeds to benefit St. Michael's Parish.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St Michael's is running another session of Adult Confirmation classes for baptized Catholics age 17 and over who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion but were never Confirmed. Classes will be held in the parish center every Thursday evening in February 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and pre registration is required. Please visit our website for more information: www.stmikes.org/confirmation-classes-for-adults, or call Lori in the parish center.





Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. Join us for a Christmas sing-along

with the Adult Choir!

4:00 p.m. English, Upper Church

6:00 p.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church

11:45 p.m. Midnight Mass, English, Upper Church*

* featuring Majestic Brass

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. English, Upper Church

11:30 a.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Lower Church

Thursday, January 1

9:00 a.m. English, Upper Church

10:30 a.m. Portuguese/Brazilian, Upper Church

7:00 p.m. English, Upper Church





150th Anniversary St. Michael Parish

Bilingual Mass
Sunday, January 25, 2026
11:00 a.m., Upper Church
Followed by a luncheon at the
Hudson Portuguese Club

Need volunteers!

St Michaels will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in January 2026 and we will be having a special bilingual Mass on Jan 25th, followed by a luncheon at the Portuguese Club. We need volunteers to sell tickets to the luncheon after all Masses on the weekends that lead up to the 25th, and we will also need volunteers at the luncheon -- decorating, serving the meal, and cleaning up after the event.

If you can help, please leave your contact info on the signup sheets which are located in the back of the church. This event is being run by the 150th Planning Committee. Thank you!



Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

"Tire um tempo do seu tempo,para passar um tempo com o DONO DO TEMPO,enquanto há tempo." Estamos na quarto semana do Advento nos preparando pra chegada da Luz do Mundo:Venha Senhor Jesus!

HORÁRIOS DE MISSAS

* Domingos:

Missa Portuguesa: 9:15 a.m. Missa Brasileira:11:30 a.m.

* <u>Segundas-feiras:</u> Confissões: 6:00 p.m. Santa Missa: 7:00 p.m.

ORAÇÕES EM COMUNIDADE

* Terças-feiras:

Grupo de Jovens: 7:30 p.m.

* Quartas-feiras:

Terço das Mães: 6:30 p.m. Terço dos Homens: 8:00 p.m.

* Primeira Sextas-feiras de cada mês:

Encontro do Apostolado de Oração: 7:15 p.m.

Missa do Sagrado Coração de Jesus com Adoração:

8:00p.m.

CATEQUESE

Já estão acontecendo os encontros de catequese para crianças,adolescentes e adultos. Maiores info. podem entrar em contato com as catequistas:

- *Sumaya(Crianças e Adolecentes):5089485083
- *Yassue(Adultos):5087260300

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COMO COMUNIDADE PAROQUIAL
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