

Saint Michael Parish
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Hudson, Massachusetts



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1st, 2026

Processional Hymn: Missal #316 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Kyrie: Missal p. 35

Gloria: Missal p. 35

Offertory Hymn:

SERVANT SONG

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

Verses

1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am
3. A-bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -
4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my
5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your

1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your
2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my
3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -
4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm
5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your

1. prais - es? I am your song.
2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.
3. in me. Fire my life with your love.
4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.
5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

Refrain

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.
2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.
3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.
4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."

1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

Communion Hymn:

O HOW BLESSED (THE BEATITUDES)

Dan Schutte

Verses

1. O how blessed are the poor in spir - it, the
2. O how blessed are the meek and low - ly, for
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the

1. king - dom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who
2. they shall pos - sess the earth. O how blessed those who
3. they shall be - hold God's face. O how blessed those who
4. chil - dren of God are they. O how blessed those de -

1. dwell in sor - row, they sure - ly will be con - soled.
2. thirst for jus - tice, they sure - ly will have their fill.
3. mend with mer - cy, for - give - ness is their re - ward.
4. spised and hat - ed, who bear it be - cause of me.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad, be - loved of the Lord, the
king - dom of heav - en is yours. The first shall be last, the
last shall be first, for such is the wis - dom of God. 2

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Recessional Hymn: Missal #190 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



This Sunday's Gospel places us on a hillside with Jesus, looking out over a crowd of ordinary people carrying extraordinary burdens. St. Matthew tells us that Jesus "went up the mountain," sat down, and began to teach. This moment matters. Mountains are where God speaks. Moses received the Ten Commandments on Sinai; now Jesus, the New Moses, proclaims the Beatitudes—often called the "new Ten Commandments" of the New Testament, not because they replace God's law, but because they reveal its deepest purpose: to shape a people whose hearts look like His.

What makes the Beatitudes so surprising is that Jesus does not begin by saying, "Blessed are the successful," "Blessed are the impressive," or "Blessed are those who always get their way." Instead, He speaks blessing over the poor in spirit, the meek, those who mourn, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. In other words, He blesses the ones the world often overlooks. He calls "blessed" the very people who might feel least blessed.

And here is the key: Jesus is not romanticizing suffering. He is revealing the truth about the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes are not a set of spiritual fortune cookies. They are a map of discipleship. They show us who belongs close to the heart of Christ and what it looks like to live as citizens of heaven while still walking the roads of earth.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Poverty of spirit is not about having low self-esteem. It is about dependence. It is the humble recognition that I am not God—and that I need Him. It is the spiritual posture that prays, "Lord, without You, I cannot do this." This is why the Responsorial Psalm echoes it so beautifully: "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Then Jesus says, "Blessed are they who mourn." Some of us carry grief that is private, quiet, even decades old. The Lord does not rush past that pain. He meets it. He promises comfort, not as a vague sentiment, but as a presence—His presence. Christianity is not denial. It is hope anchored in the God who entered suffering Himself.

"Blessed are the meek." Meekness is not weakness. Meekness is strength under control. It is the courage to refuse vengeance, the discipline to respond with patience, and the faith to trust God with outcomes. In a culture that rewards outrage, meekness is revolutionary.



Jesus goes on: hunger for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and perseverance under persecution. Notice the movement: the Beatitudes begin with the interior life—humility, sorrow, longing for what is right—and then they overflow into how we treat others: mercy, clean hearts, peace. That's the pattern of holiness. A heart formed by God becomes hands extended to others.

St. Paul reinforces this in today's second reading: God often chooses what the world calls small, weak, or foolish to reveal His power. The saints are not a spiritual elite. They are ordinary people who let the Beatitudes become real in their daily choices.

So here is the question this Gospel asks us: Which Beatitude is Jesus inviting you to live this week? Not perfectly. Not all at once. Just faithfully. Perhaps it is to show mercy when you would rather keep score. To seek peace instead of winning. To hunger for righteousness instead of comfort. To become poor in spirit enough to pray with sincerity: "Jesus, I need You."

The Beatitudes are the new law written not on stone, but on hearts. And when we live them, we become what Jesus calls us in the very next passage: salt of the earth and light of the world.

Rejoice and be glad—your reward will be great in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. January 31, 9 a.m. Alexandrina Fernandes
Sat. January 31, 4 p.m. Fr. Ron Calhoun—3rd Anniversary
Pauline O'Connell
Geraldine Abraham
Robert Craig Abraham
Kevin Sallese
St. Michael Parishioners
Private Intention
Henry "Bud" Clark—18th Anniversary
Nathan D. Meisner
Anna Guarino
Alexandrina Fernandes
St. Michael Parishioners
Scout Sunday—All Scouts
Violeta Cruz
Private Intention

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*Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Antonio & Maria Figueiredo Sousa.
Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Brad Smith.*

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*)

CONFESSON & ADORATION

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

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(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

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

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

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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 a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office. Stipends for a Mass Intention is \$10, Altar Candles are \$50 and Bread & Wine are \$75.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1—Two Feasts will be celebrated this weekend:

- ♦ **Candlemas**—Please bring your candles to church to be blessed!
- ♦ **The Feast of St. Blaise**—Patron Saint of Throat Illnesses. The clergy team will be blessing throats after each English Mass.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2—Presentation of the Lord.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7—Malassadas Sale. Advance ordering required (see next page for details).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Parish Center, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8—Scout Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. Scouts and leaders are invited to wear their uniforms to Mass.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthias Church, Marlborough.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Safety Committee & Usher Training Session, 10:00 a.m., Upper Church.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—Ash Wednesday (see schedule for Mass times).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22—First Sunday of Lent.

WED/THU/FRI, FEBRUARY 25-27—Lenten Missions with Fr. Chris Martin, 7:00 p.m., Upper Church. More details to follow.

150th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

NEW DATE & TIME—MARCH 8 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Hudson Portuguese Club. This event is SOLD OUT, however, all purchased tickets will be honored.



MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 18

7:00 & 9:00 a.m.	English—Upper Church
7:00 p.m.	English—Upper Church
8:00 p.m.	Portuguese—Lower Church

This is the first day of Lent and an obligatory day of fasting (ages 18 through 59) and abstinence for members of the Latin Catholic Church. This is not a holy day of obligation.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

January 20—January 26, 2026

Thank you so much for your generosity!

COLLECTION-SUMMARY	Offertory	Church in Latin America
In-Pew	\$5210*	\$1805
Online Giving	\$2635	\$25
GRAND TOTAL	\$7845	\$1830

* We are seeing a dramatic drop in In-Pew collections due to low Mass attendance during these bad weather weeks. Perhaps you would consider on-line giving for this very reason? You can set it up and forget it and it will help the Parish predict our income and manage expenses. If you need help setting this up, please contact Marcy at the Parish Center.



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Upcoming 2nd Collections

February 1—Maintenance & Development

February 8—No second collection

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (February 28, April 11, May 16)

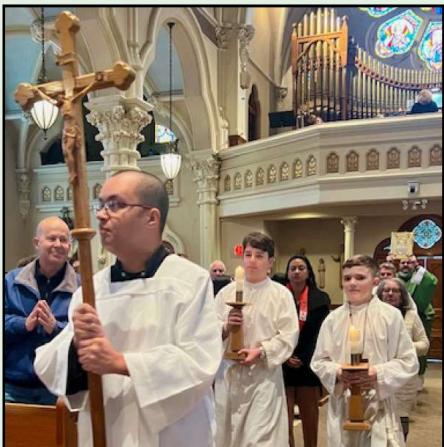
More information can be found on handouts next to bulletin in back of church.



Are you — or someone you know — seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Saturday, February 28 (Greater Boston), Saturday, April 11 (Merrimack Valley), and Saturday, May 16 (Boston/South). Locations are confidential. More information is available at projectrachelboston.com/retreats. To register, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

150TH BILINGUAL MASS

In spite of the weather, the 150th Bilingual Mass took place on Sunday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m.



MALASSADAS FOR SALE

We will be selling Malassadas (Portuguese fried dough) on Saturday, February 7 at the Parish Center. Please contact Noemias at 508-733-8908 to place your advance order. She will advise on your scheduled pick up time. All proceeds to benefit St. Michael Parish. Thank you for your support!

SNOW CREW APPRECIATION

Special thanks to our snow crew who responded to help clear our parking lots, walkways, entrances and steps to all of our campus buildings from the heavy snow we received last Sunday, January 25. Led by our crack facilities team of Antonio Goncalves and Francisco Pinheiro, our other volunteers included Steve Geldart, Patrick Fennel, PJ Steen, Rich Caissie, Dcn. Chuck and Kevin Blanchard, who tackled the cemetery to clear accessways. Even Fr. Bert aided the effort and joined in to assist! The team was too busy for pictures, but enjoyed the work together. We are grateful for your help!

150TH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The 150th committee would like to keep you informed of special opportunities planned at our parish.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Free Painting and Sketch Lessons with Tracy, owner of Gallery in the Pines, Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Parish Center.

Starting Sunday, February 15th and continuing every Sunday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at our parish center, Tracy is offering free lessons to the youth at St. Michael Parish. Come learn how to sketch and paint, and take part in the creation of a large oil painting depicting a moment in Jesus' life. At the end of this class, the painting will become a permanent part of St. Michael Parish. This program is offered to students ages 8 thru High School. If interested, you will find the application attached and also at the back of the church. Further, you may also go to Tracy's website at <https://galleryinthepines.com/art-lessons> or contact Janice at janicefournier44@gmail.com for more information and assistance. You may leave your paper application on a table at the back of the church where it will be picked up. Please note, the fees have been waived, but contact information is required in order to participate.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7—Malassadas for Sale.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20—Family Soup and Stations of the Cross—Adult Stations at 3:00 p.m. and Children Stations at 4:00 p.m., Upper Church, followed by Soup at the Parish Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12—Divine Mercy Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. SVDP and the Social Events Committee ministries are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt on Divine Mercy Sunday weekend from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children aged 4 to 12 can come and learn about God's Mercy, participate in an egg hunt, and become part of the Saint Michael's community.

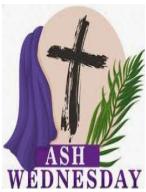


Check out this column for additional events planned by the 150th Committee!

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

HORÁRIO DAS MISSAS QUARTA-FEIRA DE CINZAS — 18 DE FEVEREIRO

7h00 e 9h00 Inglês — Igreja Superior
19h00 Inglês — Igreja Superior
20h00 Português — Igreja Inferior



Este é o primeiro dia da Quaresma e um dia de jejum (para pessoas de 18 a 59 anos) e abstinência obrigatórios para os membros da Igreja Católica Latina. Este não é um dia santo de preceito.

HORÁRIOS DE MISSAS

* Domingos:

Miss Portuguesa: 9:15 a.m.

Miss Brasileira: 11:30 a.m.

* Segundas-feiras:

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:

8:00 p.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 Adolescentes): 5089485083

*Yassue (Adultos): 5087260300

Info sobre o Boletim: *Regina-7743605856



MALASSADAS À VENDA

Estaremos vendendo Malassadas no sábado, 7 de fevereiro, no Centro Paroquial. Entre em contato com Noemíia pelo telefone

508-733-8908 para fazer sua encomenda antecipada. Ela informará o horário de retirada. Toda a renda será revertida para a Paróquia de São Miguel. Obrigado pelo seu apoio!

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150º ANIVERSÁRIO**

**NOVA DATA E HORÁRIO:
8 DE MARÇO, ÀS 13H00**

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Local: Centro Paroquial



Informações:



Padre Adriano e Noemia

150th SPECIAL PAINTING & SKETCH CLASS APPLICATION**Sundays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Parish Center****Class fee: Waived for children Grade 8 thru High School of St. Michael's Parish****CONTACT INFORMATION (Please complete all applicable sections)**

CHILD NAME: _____ AGE: _____

If you're under 18, please provide PARENT or GUARDIAN contact information.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS (Street/City/Zip): _____

MOBILE: _____ HOME: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PERMISSION FORM: By signing below, I/we grant permission for the child named above to participate in all activities connected with the registered class hosted by St. Michael Parish.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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