



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear SMS Families –

This past weekend, we began the Holy Season of Advent in our preparation for Christmas. Please see the Advent page in the enclosed bulletin for the many opportunities to grow in your faith.

A couple of things going on in the parish and school:

“ANGELUS” PRAYER FOR ADVENT

For Advent, our prayer each morning will be the “Angelus” which reflects Mary’s response to the Angel when she was told that she would be the mother of Jesus. Please see the attached sheet and pray this prayer with your family during the Advent Season.

PASTORAL LETTER:

I am very excited to release to each of you a pastoral letter I have written for the parish. As I have done the past two years, I am writing about the Eucharist, as my humble efforts to implement the Eucharistic Revival here in our parishes. In this year, I share my reflection on our worthy reception of Holy Communion and share some thoughts on both our internal disposition and external acts of reverence. There are also electronic copies available on our website in both English and Portuguese.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PREK AND KINDERGARTEN

On Monday January 8th 2024 we will begin pre-registration for PreK (3 and 4) and Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. We ask that you share this information with those that you know who might be interested in our school for their children next year. Please remember that we do offer an incentive for referring new families. For each new family that registers that you referred, you will receive \$200 off of your child’s tuition for the following year. Please remind them to indicate that they were referred by you. All current students who are planning to be enrolled next year, should re-register as space will be limited.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

If anyone is in need of assistance during the holiday season, please contact me directly so that we can ensure all families have what they need for Christmas.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER: MODERATION

God Bless,
Fr. Jay

THE ANGELUS

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

(L) Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

(R) Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

(L) And the Word was made Flesh:

(R) And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

(L) Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

(R) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(L) Let us pray:

(ALL) Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.