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St. Joseph's St. Michael's/St-Michel St. Patrick's

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Mission Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for the next two weeks are: July 27 – Fr. J.J. MacDonald req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc; July 31 – Albert MacEachern req. by Cecile Miller; Aug. 1 – Mary Edinborough req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie MacIsaac; Aug. 3 – special intention req. by Paulette LeBlanc; Aug. 7 – Alexander Gillis req. by Sandy Gillis; Aug. 8 – David Doucet – req. by Alex Dunn. Besides these intentions, Fr. Macdonald prays for all health care workers in the whole world.

Masses are being offered in our three churches on the weekend: St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m. Please note: Parishioners need to call from Wednesday to Friday each week to reserve a seat for Mass: St. Joseph's – 902-248-2612; St. Michael's – 902-235-2233 and St. Patrick's – 902-248-2305.

Weekday Masses in Church:

Tues., July 28 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Paul Tompkins req. by Bell Murphy

Wed., July 29 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Annie Jane Gillis req. by Billy Carroll

Thurs., July 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Betty Matheson req. by the family

Tues., Aug. 4 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Raylene Carroll req. by Andy Carroll

Wed., Aug. 5 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Bessie Maillet req. by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gillis

Thurs., Aug. 6 - St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Collie Poirier req. by Billy Carroll

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn and Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Rose Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, Danny Burns, John Payne, Daniel Aucoin, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis and Bob LeBlanc. If there is someone who is sick and would like his/her name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office.

Bulletin: During the summer, there will be a bulletin every second week only. The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Aug. 1,2.

Condolences are extended to the families of Charles Moore, brother of Judy LeBlanc; Armin Noack, neighbour of Calixte and Wilfredine and Harry Stewart, friend of Pauline Berry.

Pope Francis encourages us to recite the following two prayers at the end of the Rosary.

Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick by Pope Francis during the COVID-19 pandemic:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did in Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

A second prayer from Pope Francis: We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God". In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope

those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Masses to watch: **Mass on Sunday: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** at 10:30 a.m.; also available at later times. **Also on Sunday** – XFM broadcasts the Mass from St. Ninian Cathedral around 8:30 a.m.

Daily TV Mass is broadcast on VISION TV at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each weekday. If you are not available at those times, you can find the Mass on YouTube. Daily Mass live from St. Mary's Basilica weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 12:15 p.m. (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth)

There are other Masses also available on YouTube. Here is a prayer to say for a Spiritual Communion when you are watching the Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pray the Rosary: We are suggesting that parishioners pray the Rosary at 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (or both) each day for an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. .

Pope Francis' Prayer for Vocations - LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

A plea for your collection envelopes: Even though the Churches are opened, we realize that some people have not returned as yet. We ask that you continue to send your contribution. For St. Joseph's: You can send your envelopes by mail to St. Joseph's Parish, Box 1C, S.W. Margaree, NS B0E 3H0
For St. Michael's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Michael's Parish, 1181 East Margaree Rd., Margaree, NS B0E 1Y0 Drop it in the slot, **OR** by E-transfer (which is the better way if you have access). Send your E-transfer to paula.cormier@credit.ca. Paula's phone number is 902-235-2095.

For St. Patrick's: You can send your contribution by mail to St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 **OR** by E-transfer. Send your E-transfer to ccl.mllr@gmail.com. Cecile's phone number is 902-248-2305. If you prefer, you can make one payment per month rather than weekly payments.

Thank you from the Pastor's desk: Our parishes appreciate all parishioners, who in spite of Church closures, are/have been finding ways to support their parishes. We want to recognize you and let you know we

appreciate your support. Please continue to support your Church during this difficult time.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline - The number is 1-855-675-8749, and the service is confidential and free and available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila: Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He/She who has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

Pope Francis' Intentions for July: Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Pope Francis' Intentions for August: The Maritime World – We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada *presents the Online Summer Speaker Series* August 10-14, 2020. Join members from across Canada as the League presents the Summer Speaker Series—a focus on *Care for Our Common Home*, Women in the Church and the League of the Future. Please note each webinar requires a separate registration. The presentations are free of charge; however, members are encouraged to donate to the League's National Bursary Fund if they find the presentations valuable. Go to cwl.ca and click on "Summer Speaker Series" to register.

Vatican launches year-long celebration of Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home) The year will run from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021. This is the Vatican's prayer for the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them.
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs
not only to us, but to all of your creatures
and to all future
generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into
hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that
are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A thought for the weeks ahead: "If you help someone carry his or her cross, you'll find out how light yours is. Your perspective will change." - Chris Stepien