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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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for the next two weeks are: Aug. 24 – Leo Gerard LeBlanc req. by Daryll & Marcella MacQuarrie; Aug. 28 – Flaviana req. by Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Bennett; Aug. 29 – Florence, Greg & Beatrice Tompkins req. by Calixte Tompkins; Aug. 31 – Johnny Muise req. by Angie LeBlanc-Kelly; Sept. 4 – Marguerite LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arsenault; Sept. 5 – Viola MacNeil req. by Mr. Mrs. Leonard Wyrwas & family. 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 – Each Mass will be followed by confessions:

Tues., Aug. 25 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Sean McDaniel req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon LeBlanc

Wed., Aug. 26 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Jerome Gillis req. by Carol & Paddy MacDonald

Thurs., Aug. 27 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Isidore LeBlanc req. by Cecilia LeBlanc

Tues., Sept. 1 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m. – Dr. Ian Palmer req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Wall

Wed., Sept. 2 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Jerome MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joey MacKinnon

Thurs., Sept. 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Aurora Gallant-Greene req. by Yvonne Ryan and family

Prayer Corner: Phil Craig, Jackie Murphy, Marilyn and Joe Gledhill, Joan Burns, Rose Burns, Very Rev. Michael MacEwen, Lynne Cameron, John Payne, Daniel Aucoin, Elaine (Murphy) Gillis, Bob LeBlanc and Jim MacFarlane. 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 Sept. 5,6.

Condolences are extended to the families of Harriet Aucoin and Gerard Tanner.

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 You tube. 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 You tube. 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: Thank you to all who continue to support the Church. We want to recognize you and let you know we appreciate your support. Please continue.

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

Pope Francis' Intentions for September: Dear Lord, we pray that we would not plunder the resources of this planet which you have entrusted to us. Help us share in a just and respectful way all of the blessings and resources that you've given to us.

From the Pastor's Desk – I want to encourage parishioners, who because of the pandemic were unable to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter, to avail themselves of the Sacrament now that our Churches are open. I will be hearing confessions after every weekday Mass, so everyone will have a chance to receive this Sacrament. Masses during the week are as follows: Tuesdays – St. Patrick's at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays – St. Joseph's at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays – St. Michael's at 10 a.m. – Fr. Macdonald

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – September 1: In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. Below is a prayer we can pray:

God of all, bless our elected leaders with listening ears that hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor; bless them with open hearts that hunger and thirst for justice, and bless them with the courage to work together towards the common good. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Message from Bishop Kirkpatrick: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected. The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land, and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall. Here are the new dates for these special collections:

September 13, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14): Collection for the Holy Land (deferred from Good Friday) This special collection is traditionally reserved to help support Christian holy places and pilgrimage facilities in the Holy Land and the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

October 4, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi: *Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence)* This special collection is in support of the Holy Father's apostolic ministry to the Universal Church (canon 1271)

November 15, World Day of the Poor: Development and Peace collection (deferred from the Fifth Sunday of Lent) Development and Peace's theme for the fall will be "**COVID-19: Recovering Together.**" They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as "*madam sara*" in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the *madam sara* at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention & care information to these women and their communities.

Development & Peace Appeal - Development & Peace is appealing for donations to support efforts to help the people of Lebanon. Donations may be made at devp.org or by mail by making a cheque out to Development & Peace and mailing it to: Development & Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7.

CWL NEWS

Re-watch the Summer Speaker Series Webinars! - If you missed the series of talks or wish to re-watch them, go to the CWL website cwl.ca and scroll down to "Summer Speaker Series" and click to hear the talks. The series will be stored under "To inform: Videos" for future reference.

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Thank You – St. Patrick's Parish extends a sincere thank you to Mary (Miller) Butts for her generous donation of \$1 000.

A thought for the weeks ahead: "When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all His creatures and to worship in union with them." - Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #87