

# +Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

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

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 6, 2020

Fr. Macdonald is continuing to say private, weekday Masses and offering an intention for each. The intentions for the next two weeks are: Sept. 7 – Veronica Chisholm-Peitzsche req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc; Sept. 11 - Thomas & Loretta LeBlanc – req. by Paulette LeBlanc; Sept. 12 – Souls in Purgatory req. by Emma Cecile Chiasson; Sept. 14 – Josephine LeFort req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Aucoin & Lorraine LeBlanc; Sept. 18 – Bessie Maillet req. by Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Gallant; Sept. 19 – Nellie LeBlanc req. by June Doucette. 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., Sept. 8 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m.** – Raymond Doucet req. by Mr. & Mrs. Blair McDaniel

**Wed., Sept. 9 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m.** – Buddy MacMaster req. by Helen M. Gillis

**Thurs., Sept. 10 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Collie Poirier req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fortune

**Tues., Sept. 15 – St. Patrick's – 6:30 p.m.** – John Ross req. by Cecile Miller

**Wed., Sept. 16 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m.** – Karel MacIsaac req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence MacLellan

**Thurs., Sept. 17 - St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Mary Dawson req. by Marie LeBlanc

**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:** We will continue with a bulletin every second week only. The next bulletin will be for the weekend of Sept. 19, 20.

**Condolences are extended to the families of**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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

**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.

**Pontifical Collection for the Custody of the Holy Land on Sunday, September 13, 2020 for the benefit of the Church and the Christians of the Holy Land** – The Pontifical Collection in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September – a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen when she found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation. The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to be in solidarity with the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land.

**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](http://devp.org) or by mail by making a cheque out to Development & Peace and mailing it to: Development & Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7.

**Schools Re-open** – Our thoughts and prayers are with all parents and guardians as well as with teachers, students and support staff as they return to school. We pray for all who will be starting university and college studies. May God bless you and keep you safe, healthy and filled with joy.

## **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](http://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.

## **OTHER**

**Theatre Offers Radio Play - Wednesdays 7 pm starting Sept. 9** - Festival Antigonish is pleased to present an original radio play Hector the Spectre Steals the Show as a six-part weekly series, airing Wednesdays 7:00-7:15 pm, starting September 9th. Listen on 98.9 XFM (radio or [98.9xfm.ca](http://98.9xfm.ca)) and enjoy professional theatre from the safety and comfort of your home. The play will feature the voices of Nova Scotian artists Francine Deschepper, Kevin Curran, Josh MacDonald, James MacLean, Liona Quarmyne, and Laura Teasdale, with contributions from Chad Relf, Festival Antigonish staff, and community artists. For questions or more information, contact [boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com](mailto:boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com)

*A thought for the weeks ahead: “With guns, you can kill terrorists; with education, you can kill terrorism.” Malala Yousafzai*