

Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 14, 2024

Weekend Masses: St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's (in the Hall) – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: NO WEEKDAY MASSES until Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Feast Days/Memorials: Jan. 17 – St. Anthony, Abbott

MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy - The Margaree Highland Games Board is delighted to offer children's liturgy during Mass on the first Sunday of the month. If families show interest, we will make it a more permanent fixture in our Masses. Starting the first Sunday in February, we will provide a safe, nurturing space, sharing songs, colouring pictures and listening to God's word.

Church Envelopes – Parishioners are reminded to pick up their box of envelopes.

FORMED – Our subscription to FORMED will not be renewed due to lack of interest. If you have been using FORMED and would like to continue, individual subscriptions are available for \$100 in US funds.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – A Prayer Service with the theme, “You should love the Lord, your God, and your neighbour as yourself.”, for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2024 will be hosted by Wilson United Church on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. “This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.” - ORDO Everyone is invited to attend the prayer service.

Diocesan Ministry Protocol – Work is being done to update the file for the Diocesan Responsible Ministry Protocol for our parishes. The Diocese is in the process of rolling out a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance. Participation in this course will be mandatory for all parishes beginning in January. The course is forty-nine minutes long and will help reduce the cost of our insurance and provide a safe environment for everyone.

CWL/KofC News

CWL – Due to the storm on Jan. 10, St. Patrick's CWL meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will take place on Wed., Feb. 7.

Knights of Columbus: Knights are reminded that dues must be paid by the end of January.

PRAYERS

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For the gift of diversity in the Church – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Ann Gillis, Ann Mailette, Anna Matheson, Karen Baer, Dana Montgomery, Johnny Coady, Jesse Kilfoil, Claire (Simon) LeBlanc, Vicki MacEachern, David Timmons, Rosita Gillis, Lucy MacIntyre, Denise LeBlanc, Mary Stewart and Margaret Ross. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Our condolences are extended to the families of Nora (Aucoin) Considine, sister of Teddy Aucoin; Muriel MacDonald, sister-in-law of the late Mary C. MacKinnon and Ann Gloria Maillet, sister of Donald, the Blacksmith.

Prayer for World Peace – Father, even when things seem hopeless, we know that through You we are never without hope. We beg your intervention for a world on the constant brink of war. Beat our swords into plowshares and cause the lion to lie down with the lamb. Intervene in this world that we might avoid the horrors of war and let peace rule in all lands. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph - Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel - St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into Hell, Satan, and all the other evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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.

Prayer of St. Patrick - May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones; against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us; Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours, this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

Members of the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council – The members of our Council are Chair – Lawrence MacLellan; vice-Chair – John Gillis; secretary – Mary MacNeil; other members: Mary Louise Burns, Lorna Chiasson, Mose Fortune, Alfred Gallant, Donald Angus Gillis and Hilda Murphy-Phillips.

Finance Committee – The members of our Finance Committee are: Chair – Cathy Miller; other members are: Hubert Chiasson, Paula Cormier, Aurea Gillis, Michael Gillis, Marie MacNeil, Cindy McBride, Stella McDaniel and Cecile Miller.

Liturgy Committee - The members of our Liturgy Committee are: Chair - Lawrence Cameron, Secretary – Betty MacFarlane, vice-Chair – Wilfridine Crowdis; other members: Trina Colette, Sandra Gillis, Donna MacFarlane, Mary Hilda MacIsaac, Dorothy MacKenzie, Irene MacLellan, Steve MacLennan, Denise Olson and Barbara Wyrwas.

Building & Maintenance Committee – St. Joseph's – Contact person Joey MacKinnon and other members: Alex MacNeil and Jerald Miller; St. Michael's – Contact person: Cyril LeBlanc and other members: Dennis Doucet and Emile LeBlanc, Belle Cote; St. Patrick's – Contact person Jack Miller and other members: Tom Godreau and John McBride. If you see anything which needs to be done, let the contact person know.

Bereavement Committee – St. Joseph's – Helen Gillis, Rosita Gillis, Mary MacNeil and Marie MacNeil; St. Michael's – Helena Chiasson, Elaine LeBlanc, Odette LeBlanc and Dorothy MacKenzie; St. Patrick's – Sheila Fortune, Kay Hannigan, Cindy & John McBride and Cecile Miller.

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as the year of prayer in preparation for *Jubilee 2025* under the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Parishioners are encouraged to consult the Vatican website, vatican.va, about the tradition and significance of a jubilee year and to join in prayerful preparation for *Jubilee 2025*, which the Pope will inaugurate with the rite of opening the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Advent 2024. To prepare, the Pope has invited the faithful to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today. You will find the Jubilee Prayer below for sharing and praying in preparation for the Jubilee Pilgrimage.

Study of the Four Constitutions of Vatican II – A study of the four constitutions of Vatican II will be organized if there is enough interest among parishioners. If you are interested, please contact the Office on Thursday or call Anne Marie or Cecile by Thurs., Jan. 25.

Pilgrims of Hope – The Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Quote: “Words are truly the image of the soul.” – St. Basil