

# 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 of Lent, Feb. 25, 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:** Confessions will be heard during the Stations of the Cross.

**Tues., Feb. 27 - St. Joseph's – 6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. – Mass** – Ann Gloria Maillet req. by Billy Carroll

**Wed., Feb. 28 - St. Patrick's – 6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. – Mass** – Cecile Aucoin req. by St. Patrick's CWL

**Thurs., Feb. 29 - St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mass** – Laird Burton req. by Emile A. LeBlanc and sons

**Fri., Mar. 1 – St. Michael's – 6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. - Mass** – Leo LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Wall

## MINISTRY

### MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee meeting - Tues., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Hall

Finance Committee Meeting – Tues., Mar. 5 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's vestry

**Lenten Mission** – Wed., Mar. 6 – St. Patrick's; Thurs., Mar. 7 – St. Joseph's and Fri., Mar. 8 – St. Michael's with Fr. John Yake.

**Enrich Your Lenten Journey:** “May your Lenten Journey be richly blessed with quiet contemplation, deep prayer and refreshing spiritual renewal.” – Living with Christ Some suggested resources: 1) “Living Lent *Daily*” - <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/> ; 2) “A Historic Journey to Eucharistic Consecration : Join the Life-Changing Spiritual Pilgrimage this Lent” - <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>; 3) Stations of the Cross – (video) <https://www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross>; (text) <https://www.usccb.org/resources/scriptural-way-cross-lent>

**World Day of Prayer, March 1** – “The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the First Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the *Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada* and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.” - ORDO

**The Margaree Food Security Program** offers assistance to all people in need of financial help for grocery items. If you, or someone you know, could use a little financial boost, please call 902-248-2888 on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A volunteer will assist you in obtaining a Co-op Gift Card that can be used to

purchase whatever items you require with the exception of alcohol, tobacco products and lottery tickets. This service is confidential.

The Margaree Food Security Program is accepting monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please forward your donation to Cecile Miller c/o St. Patrick's Parish, N. E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0 if you would like to be issued a tax receipt.

**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 March, we will provide a safe, nurturing space, sharing songs, colouring pictures and listening to God's word.

**Diocesan Ministry Protocol** – Hopefully, everyone in a ministry in our parishes has received the necessary papers to update our files. Please fill out the forms for the office and return them. Get the necessary checks as soon as you can and send them with the required forms to the Pastoral Office in Sydney. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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](http://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.

**Development & Peace – Share Lent Campaign** – This is our last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition that has been circulated asking the Honduran ambassador to Canada to protect those who are fighting to defend the forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against the pollution created by a mining company that has been in operation there. A recent report states that the land in 156 municipalities is in danger due to 540 mining licenses, and rivers are threatened in 100 municipalities due to 307 permits for power generation. In addition, at least 165 extractive projects threatening the territories of indigenous peoples. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign. The petition is at the entrance of the Church just in case you didn't have an opportunity to sign earlier. Over 28,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Our goal was to collect 30,000 signatures – 1000 for each of the three peaceful defenders who were murdered for Standing Up For The Land. Please join the effort and add weight to our demands. Our goal was to collect 30,000 signatures – 1000 for each of the three peaceful defenders who were murdered for Standing Up for The Land. Please join the effort and add weight to our demands. You could also sign on-line at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act) Thank you from the Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Caritas Canada.

**Entre Deux Rivieres** with Fr. Peter will air at a different time on February 25 and March 3 – 2 – 4 p.m.

## **CWL/KofC News**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** will be held at St. Michael's Hall on Thurs., Mar. 7 at 7 p.m.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Annual World Day of Prayer** - The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Patrick's Hall on Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m. This year's program has been prepared by the women of Palestine who invite people around the world to join them in prayer and action.

**99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** – Jessie Tompkins will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tues., Feb. 27. There will be an open-house at her place that afternoon and evening for anyone who would like to drop by to celebrate with her. Best wishes only!

**Congratulations** to Linda LeBlanc, from Cheticamp, who won our 50/50 draw which was held at St. Michael's Parish Hall, at our Shrove Tuesday Luncheon.

## **PRAYERS**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February** – For the terminally ill – We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March** – For the new martyrs – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**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.

**Our condolences are extended to the family of Gordon Timmons.**

**Prayer Corner** – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Ann Gillis, 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, Margaret Ross, Isidore Doucet, Calum MacDonald and Donna McDaniel. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

**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 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 B. 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.

Quote: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." – Pope Francis