

# 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*

## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024

**Weekend Masses:** St. Patrick's – Sat., 6 p.m.; St. Joseph's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

**Tues., May 28 - St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m.** – Jean MacLean req. by Sandra Gillis

**Wed., May 29 - St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Christine Hannigan req. by Sadie Stockley

**Thurs., May 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Darrell Cormier req. by Elaine Cormier

**Fri., May 31 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Betty Matheson req. by Emile LeBlanc & family

**Feast – May 31 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear people,

Today is testimony Sunday, when we recall and celebrate what God has done in our lives. We count our blessings and acknowledge that we are beneficiaries of a lot of good things, which we frankly do not either merit or deserve.

It's amazing to learn of the means and ways God intervenes in human history. He does it because of His love for us and He doesn't want to leave us orphans. He reaches out to us all the time whispering in our ears "I am with you always". The feast of Holy Trinity calls us to this "Emmanuel experience". The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are the three interventions of our God in human history for creation in the beginning, for salvation in the fullness of time and sanctification according to the promises.

God is our subject, his appearances is our theme, the various ways we encounter him is our message, and the Trinity is the summary of our God, the God that we know. If God chose to reveal himself to our ancestors in the Faith, through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses; if God chose the modes of his appearances in the Old Testament in the bid to communicate to humanity that he was present among them and journeyed with them; if the people of old were able to realize God's presence and worship God in the different ways he manifested himself to them; then, the fundamental subject matter of the solemnity of today is that God reveals himself to humanity the way God chooses, and humanity's role is to realize and accept the fact that God lives among his people from all eternity to eternity. Just explore the different names given to God and you'll notice how he has been conceived and experienced. That is the Trinity, that is the God we know!

If the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity comes after the Pentecost, it is because we have experienced God in three major ways, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God leaves his Spirit among human beings as an eternal abiding presence of himself. The invisible God remains invisible but visits humanity visibly, and humanity recounts the blessings of this Trinity in the confessions of gratitude for graces received and anticipated. Sometimes, our names are bearers of his magnanimity towards us!

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The good news of Trinity Sunday consolidates and confirms that of Pentecost – universalism: just as Pentecost announces the universality of the Church, and the reversal of Babel – the symbol of division, Trinity Sunday celebrates the power and unity in difference. Indeed, it is in difference that God lives, and reveals himself. "Difference" is not the enemy of unity, but the principle of complementarity: each human being has a purpose

from God, and remains vital to the integral manifestation of God upon earth. Yes, welcome differences and let us celebrate the oneness of the different persons of the Most Holy Trinity!

With prayers,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

**Dinner hosted by the MFOCC Parish Pastoral Council** – Dinner at 1 p.m. Sunday for all who registered!

**Attention, Those in Ministry:** If you were given forms for the Diocesan Responsible Ministry Protocol and have not filled them out and/or have not had your Police Check/Vulnerable Sector Check, please attend to this matter as soon as possible.

**St. Michael's** – Father Silvan will be resuming parish visits in June. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrance of the Church.

**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.

**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.

## **CWL/KOC NEWS**

**St. Patrick's CWL** – CWL members will be going to the Harbour Restaurant for their June dinner on June 12 at 6 p.m. Please register with your call person (Edie Poirier, Sheila Fortune, Bernadette Murphy or Cathy Miller) by June 1 if you plan to go.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Call for New Members** - St. Michael's Parish Hall Committee is looking for new members. If interested, please contact Annette LeFort at 224-0154.

**The Inverness Hospital Spring Fling** takes place on Friday, May 31 at the Inverness Fire Hall from 3 p.m.- 6 pm.-----bake and craft tables, raffles, silent auction, jewellery, children's table and more!! In East Margaree, please contact Anne LeBlanc (902-235-2064) and Angie Kelly for your "Take-Out" Tea Tickets (\$5.00 each) or to make a donation, all greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to support equipment and services at our local hospital. In the Margaree/Margaree Forks area, please contact Therese Doucet or Eileen Coady for info and pick-up of donated baked goods and craft items.

# PRAYERS

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May** – *For the formation of religious and seminarians* – We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**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.

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

**Condolences are extended to the families of Lionel LeBlanc and Margaret Paturel.**

**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.

**Quote**“: There is nothing that you are holding on to that is safer in your hands than in God's. Even if you don't understand what he is doing with the things you give him, they will be better off in his hands. – Dr. Gregory Bottaro