

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 16, 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., June 18 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Dougald MacLellan req. by Sue & Rannie MacLellan

Wed., June 19 – St. Michael's - 10 a.m. – Cindy Connolly req. by David Aikens & Chelsey Penrise

Thurs., June 20 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Simon P. LeFort req. by Barbara LeBlanc

Fri., June 21 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Lorraine, Leonard & Victor LeBlanc req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Aucoin

Memorials – June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear people,

Greetings of peace and joy in the holy name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Happy Father's Day". Fatherhood is worth celebrating. It's part of God's strategy together with a Mother in creating an environment of love, acceptance, belief and security. Many would say that the role of the father is not really necessary but research shows over and over again that when a father is present and bringing a positive influence in a child's life there is an increase in self esteem, greater discipline and respect and preparation for the real world. Let's therefore join our hands praying for all fathers especially on this Father's Day and forward.

"And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom." —Ezekiel 17:24 The Bible begins with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gn 2:9). It ends with the trees of life on the banks of the river of life-giving waters in heaven (Rv 22:1-2). Ezekiel described the Messianic kingdom as a majestic cedar tree on a high mountain (Ez 17:22-23). In contrast, Jesus described His kingdom in a much less impressive way as being like a mustard tree or shrub (Mk 4:32). Finally, the early Church referred to Jesus' cross as a tree (see Acts 13:29).

The cross is the ultimate tree of life bridging Genesis to Revelation, the beginning to the end, earth to heaven, and humanity to God. The tree of the cross is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies. It is the means of establishing God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It is the way to enter the kingdom of heaven. The cross of Jesus is the Tree of Life.

Peter Chrysologous an early church father, explained how the " tree of the cross" spread its branches throughout the world and grew into a worldwide community of faith offering its fruit to the whole world:

Yes, it is true: a mustard seed is indeed an image of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the virgin's womb, he grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes in contact. As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed, they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; he chose to have his body crushed, because he would not have his power concealed....

Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. He sowed it in his garden, that is in his bride, the Church. The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of tradition, doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles, fragrant and lovely with perennial flowers: virgins' lilies and martyrs' roses set amid the pleasant verdure of all who bear witness to Christ and the tender plants of all who have faith in him. Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. (adapted)

It is up to us to sow this mustard seed in our minds and let it grow within us into a great tree of understanding reaching up to heaven and elevating all our faculties; then it will spread out branches of knowledge.

With prayers,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

Congratulations – Congratulations are extended to Jack Malcolm MacLellan and Rowan Eugene MacLellan who will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday. Welcome to the Lord's table! Thanks are extended to their grandmother Joan who prepared them.

Parents, Grandparents – Bring your children/grandchildren to Mass on Sunday morning Starting in September, there will be Children's Liturgy for them each Sunday. Parents, please volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy (See below.).

Volunteers Needed: In hopes of hosting children's liturgy weekly at St Michael's Sunday Mass (as of September 1), the Margaree Highland Games committee is in need of additional volunteers. Volunteers must complete mandatory paperwork (as per Diocesan Ministry Protocol) prior to starting this leadership. Forms are available at the Parish Office on Thursdays, or other arrangements can be made with Nadine Clark. (Text or call 902-224-0883 or message her on Facebook to sign up!) Ideally, we would love to have two adults per Sunday and enough volunteers that each team has to be scheduled only every 4-6 weeks. Thanks in advance to those who show interest! We appreciate you.

Free Marriage Prep Course – Sunday, June 30 at St Joseph Church in North Sydney - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Starting with Mass at 10 a.m. with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951.

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.

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.

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

CWL/KOC NEWS

Ham & Potato Salad Dinner – The Knights of Columbus will be serving a ham & potato salad dinner on Sun., June 16 at St. Michael's Hall beginning at 11:45 – ham, potato salad, dessert, tea, coffee. Adults - \$16; children under 12 - \$8; children 3 years and under – free; Takeouts will be available.

Knights of Columbus Crib Games Report for 2023-24 – income from Crib - \$2 112.50; Knights’ Jackpot - \$936.75 + donations from crib players - \$86.50 = \$3 135.75 less expenses \$320.48 = \$2 815.27. I would like to thank all who attended our Crib Games and all who helped out during the season. We had lots of fun, and we ended with Anne MacKinnon having a 28 hand. Well done, Anne. See you all in September. On behalf of the Margaree Knights of Columbus #9936, I thank you all. – Mose Fortune

OTHER NEWS

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests. Become a “Friend of the Shrine”; enroll a friend as a gift or “In Memory” of a loved one. Our goal is \$50,000. “We need your help.”

Chicken Fricot Lunch - St Michael's Parish Hall committee will be hosting a chicken fricot lunch Sunday, June 30 from 12-2 p.m.; \$15 for adults; \$8 for a child, child under 5 free. The meal includes chicken fricot, roll, coffee/tea, cake and ice cream. Hope to see you there!

Important Meeting - The Margaree Rivers Association's most important community meeting/AGM will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. Kindly join us at St. Patrick's Parish Hall; the Margaree rivers need our help!

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for June – *For migrants fleeing their homes* – We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Ann Gillis, Karen Baer, Johnny Coady, Claire (Simon) LeBlanc, Vicki MacEachern, David Timmons, 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 family of Anna Matheson.

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“: “Lord, open my eyes to the reassuring signs of your presence throughout my day.” – Amy Welborn