

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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 23, 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:

Mon., June 24 – St. Michael's – 11 a.m. - Mass of Christian Burial for Anna Matheson

Tues., June 25 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Allana Mullaney req. by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gillis

Wed., June 26 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Blair McDaniel req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Doucet

Thurs., June 27 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Ross Wayland req. by Sylvia Spader

Fri., June 28 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Viola LeBlanc req. by Joseph MacDonald

Tues., July 2 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Jannette Gillis req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Veliath

Wed., July 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Ernie Stepaniak req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc

Thurs., July 4 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Patricia Aucoin req. by Marion & Christene Avery

Fri., July 5 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Donnie Leger req. by Gerard & Bernice Miller

Solemnities, Memorial, Feast – June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Solemnity; June 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr; Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity; July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle, Feast

Please note: The next bulletin will be printed for the weekend of July 27, 28.

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear people,

With summer upon us, the days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. Feels like there is more life and activity in the summer time. Let this summer provide us with more time for our faith, family, friends and community. There are two candidates for First Communion at St. Joseph South West Margaree. Kindly include Jack Malcolm MacLellan and Rowan Eugene MacLellan in your prayers.

Thank you to St. Michael's Cemetery Committee for gavelling the entrance to the cemetery. A job well done. It will definitely help the people with mobility issues.

Today is the Twelfth Sunday of the Church's Ordinary Time. In it, the holy mother church reminds and encourages us her children that Christ is with us even in the midst of all the storms of this life. Therefore, this is a great cause for celebration and thanksgiving because we are so glad that Jesus cares for us.

People were huddled together in a Church building for safety. A preacher was praying with great oratorical effects in the midst of this violent storm, crying out, "*Send us the Spirit of the children of Israel, the children of Moses, the children of the Promised land.*" At this, an old man with less oratory but more directness prayed, "*Lord, don't send nobody. Come Yourself. This ain't no time for children.*"

There are two basic truths that the gospel reveals to us about these problems. The first is that Christ is with you in that boat and is aware of the storm you are battling. So, you cannot be with Him and yet sink. It is not possible! The second is that, no matter how experienced you think you are in navigating your own boat, you cannot overcome your storms alone. Hence, Christ tells us: "Apart from me, you can do nothing." There is no doubt that before inviting Christ, his disciples made much effort to control their own boat. However, when they failed, they cried out: "Lord, do you not care if we perish?" Of course, Christ intervened because he assures us: "Call upon me in times of trouble, and I will help you" (Ps 50: 15).

Finally, there are three things we must continue to do. First, rather than live in fear, sit and complain like Job, or give up completely, let us cry out and invite the Lord to help us. This is because: "Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Ps 121, 1-2). Second, we must continue to show profound faith in God the Father, his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. That is, faith that makes us believe that God created us in

love, sustains us with his providence and will save us through his mercy. Third, we must continue to be thankful to God in all circumstances of our life. So, with the psalmist let us always be grateful: "...Give thanks to the Lord, for his love and mercy endure forever."

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 on Sunday at St. Joseph's. Welcome to the Lord's table!

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.

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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!

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July – *For the pastoral care of the sick* – We pray that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become evermore a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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, Hugh Allan Chisholm, Logan Fortune, Delores Harris and Sandy Ross. 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 John MacDonald, husband of Lorraine (John Joseph).

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“: “Whatever happens in your life, keep in mind that God is always there. In His great love and concern, He asks you to choose His path, the one that leads to the most happiness.” – Chris Padgett & Linda Padgett

Join Development and Peace-Caritas Canada(D&P) as a Social Justice Ministry in the Church

Are you passionate about Social Justice? Are you interested in making a difference in the world by providing alternatives to the unjust social, economic and political situation in the world? Do you want to engage with the Gospel (Catholic Social Teachings) in a practical way? Are you looking for a ministry in our Church to put your faith into action?

Volunteer with D&P!

Development and Peace is the Canadian Catholic organization that addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. Established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops more than 50 years ago, we are also part of the Caritas Confederation, the Vatican organization charged with promoting integral human development. We work with 78 partners around the world with 73 on-going projects located in 34 countries.

We are looking for volunteers and parish reps, who see solidarity, justice and peace as central to their faith and want to embrace it as a ministry and to practice the Catholic Social Teachings, of preferential option for the poor and care for the environment. We are calling on Catholics who love to do advocacy work and would love to share with others how to love their neighbors and be good stewards of creation. Contact your local animator, Adah Ogbe: aogbe@devp.org 902-429-9489 to find out more about this important ministry.

How to become a member:

- Fill out our online form: [Membership Application Form | Development and Peace - Caritas Canada \(devp.org\)](#)

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