

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 9, 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: Please note: Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday will be private Masses because of the Priests' General Assembly.

Tues., June 11 - Brad Gregg req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Gillis

Wed., June 12 - John Phillips req. by Jessie Murphy

Thurs., June 13 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. — Lloyd Gillis req. by Christene Giles

Fri., June 14 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Wilbert MacDonnell req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Simon LeBlanc

Memorials – June 10 – St. Barnabas, Apostle; June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear people,

Greetings of peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Eugene Brice tells a delightful but disturbing story about a minister who returned to visit a church he had once served. He ran into Bill, who had been an elder and leader in the church, but who wasn't around anymore. The pastor asked, "Bill, what happened? You used to be there every time the doors opened." "Well, Pastor," said Bill, "a difference of opinion arose in the church. Some of us couldn't accept the final decision and we established a church of our own." "Is that where you worship now?" asked the pastor. "No," answered Bill, "we found that there, too, the people were not faithful and a small group of us began meeting in a rented hall at night." "Has that proven satisfactory?" asked the minister. "No, I can't say that it has," Bill responded. "Satan was active even in that fellowship, so my wife and I withdrew and began to worship on Sunday at home by ourselves." "Then at last you have found inner peace?" asked the pastor. "No, I'm afraid we haven't," said Bill. "Even my wife began to develop ideas I was not comfortable with, so now she worships in the northeast corner of the living room, and I am in the southwest." (King Duncan, quoting Eugene Brice).

Arnold Palmer played his last Master's Tournament in 2002. Palmer, who won the Master's in 1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964, had seen his game slip away with age and his stardom fade with the rise of Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. A reporter asked Palmer, "Why did you do it? Why did you quit?" To which Palmer replied, "I didn't want to get the letter that [former champions] Ford, Brewer, and Casper have already received asking them to step down."

— Whether it's that girl in elementary school who looked at you in disdain when you offered her a Valentine card, or the boss that suggests you are not included in the company's new plans, rejection hurts. It causes pain. Yet, Jesus faced rejection heroically and said it's going to happen and we will be wise to live with it, for "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me." There is some rejection that's worth the cost.

Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they know so much about us and are so used to us, they disregard what we have to say, if they even hear it! But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth in love and oppose the evils in our society, refusing to condone or encourage sinful

behaviour even in our dear ones, though we do not “excommunicate” them from our lives, but continue to love them while we pray for them.

With prayers,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

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.

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

St. Patrick’s CWL – CWL members will be going to the Harbour Restaurant for their end of the year dinner on June 12 at 6 p.m.

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.”

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou - The gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton is now open seven days a week as follows: Mon. to Sat. – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. For inquiries 902-945-2221

PRAYERS

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.

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 family of Shirley MacNeil.

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“: “Jesus, may I remember to listen to you before I open my mouth to share the Good News.” – Melanie Rigney