

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 13, 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., Oct. 15 - St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Kay Stedman req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence MacLellan

Wed., Oct. 16 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Blair McDaniel req. by Jessie Murphy

Thurs., Oct. 17 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Ronald Matheson req. by Gerard & Bernice Miller

Fri., Oct. 18 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Wayne Cormier req. by Mr. & Mrs. Al Cormier

Memorials – Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor; Oct. 16 - St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville, Religious; Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr; **Feast** – Oct. 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear folks in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving. Gratitude is not merely a courteous acknowledgment of blessings; it is a profound recognition of the divine benevolence that permeates every aspect of our lives. Enjoy the beautiful colours.

On another note, the oil tank at the glebe is leaking, and maintenance is looking after it.

A wealthy older gentleman had just recently married a lovely young lady and was beginning to wonder whether she might have married him for his money. So, he asked her, "Tell me the truth: if I lost all my money, would you still love me?" She said reassuringly, "Oh honey, don't be silly. Of course, I would still love you. And I'd miss you terribly."

The reading also reminds us that wisdom is priceless, to be valued more than silver and gold. If God were to ask us to name one thing that he could grant us, what would we ask for – a good job, a beautiful house, to be healthy? All these are good and perhaps necessary. But is it what I have that is important or what I am that is important to me?

Two such precious things which direct us to the Kingdom are wisdom and kindness (Psalm 90). Wisdom helps us to discern between what is worth pursuing and what leads us away from God and his joy, and kindness is the manifestation of wisdom which strengthens us to truly love our neighbors, whether they are rich or poor.

Years ago, a young door-to-door salesman was assigned a rural area. One day he came upon a farmer seated in a rocking chair on his front porch. The young man went up to the farmer enthusiastically and said, "Sir, I have a book here that will tell you how to farm ten times better than you are doing now." The farmer didn't bother to look up. He simply kept on rocking. Finally, after a few minutes, he glanced up at the young salesman and said, "Young man, I don't need your book. I already know how to farm ten times better than I am doing now."

The story is a good illustration of what Jesus was talking about in today's gospel. The farmer was capable of farming better, but he lacked the commitment to do so.

The rich young man was also capable of doing more than just keeping the commandments, but he too lacked the commitment to do so. "The Gospel tells us of the encounter of the rich young man who had kept all the laws, and yet he was not happy. Maybe we have sometimes experienced the same in our lives; we have been law-abiding citizens, but there seems to be something missing in our lives.

To be really happy he invites the young man to forget the minimum - keeping the law, and go for the maximum- go for it. To live in love! To go beyond the demands of the law to the demands of love!

As compared to the rich young man in the gospels, there was a rich, glad youth revered by people of all faiths,

worldwide. He is St. Francis of Assisi, and his biography "The Perfect Joy of St. Francis" is one of the finest books ever written. Was Francis of Assisi poor? rich? One thing is sure: he was never sad.

When we follow Jesus on his terms, there may be certain crosses to bear, but deep down in the core of our being, there is peace, and there is joy, because we know that we are doing our best to carry out God's perfect will in our lives. Our most precious possession is our souls. Mother Teresa says, "Do SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it in your own way. But do it!"

With prayers and gratitude for everything you've been to me.

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

Mass times for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's will change the first weekend of November. Clocks fall back, too!

Thanksgiving Day – It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. – ORDO

World Food Day is observed on October 16. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, "... I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" (Mt 25.35)

Evangelization of Nations Collection - October 20 is World Mission Sunday, a day in which we are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The funds collected assist some 1 250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. We are also invited to develop a missionary spirit, promote missionary vocations and to collaborate spiritually and materially in the Church's mission work, including support for all the dioceses in our country's northern regions. (adapted from ORDO)

St. Joseph's Parish - There will be a special "Appreciation Dinner" for all parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish on November 2, following the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass. This will take place in our Hall; again, all are welcomed.

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.

Margaree Food Security Society – 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 Society is accepting monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please forward your cheque, made out to St. Patrick's Parish, to Cecile Miller, % St. Patrick's Parish, N.E. Margaree, NS B0E 2H0.

St. Michael's Cemetery - We are most grateful to all who gave so generously of their time and their equipment to help out at Cemetery Clean-up Day. Sincere thanks for helping to maintain and beautify the final resting place of all of our loved ones.

On Nov. 2, All Souls' Day, please consider making an offering towards our cemetery. (There is a yellow envelope in your parish box of envelopes. A self-addressed envelope will be fine too.) Your thoughtfulness, generosity and support are greatly appreciated. May God bless you as we continue to cherish the memory of our dear ones. - St. Michael's Cemetery Committee

St. Michael's Cemetery: The CALVARY monument at St. Michael's Cemetery was erected in 1949 (75 years ago) at a cost of \$670.69. In the same year, two cairns were erected: one in memory of Father Arsene Cormier who was parish priest in Margaree for 30 years (1918 until his death in 1948), the other in memory of Father Lubin Gallant, a native son, who served in Arichat (died in 1940). On June 14, 1951, the monument was blessed by Bishop John R. MacDonald. WE are very grateful to Sylvia Spader for her MOST generous donation towards the refacing of this monument.

CWL/KOC NEWS

Knights CRIB GAMES are on Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall with 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, Even-split, Knights Jackpot and High Hand. Come enjoy a great game of cards with your friends.

OTHER NEWS

Celtic Colours Events at St Joseph's, SW Margaree: 1) Country Breakfast, Wednesday, October 16 from 9:30 to 11, \$15/plate; 2) Family Dance, Friday, October 18 from 9 to 12 featuring Shelly Campbell, admission: \$10 for adults; children under 12 are free.

Doors Open for Churches - On Thursday, Oct.17, from 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., St. Michael's Church will be open for visitors who are in the area for Celtic Colours. St. Michael's, like many churches in the province, has been invited to participate in the tour "Doors Open for Churches" presented by Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

Thank You - Thank you for the Masses and the many prayers coming from St. Michael's. Joseph and I always loved attending Mass at St. Michael's. Keep my Joseph in your prayers. – Agnes Wassell

Used Stamps- Used stamps can be left at the entrance of each Church, and they will be sent away periodically by St. Patrick's CWL.

N.E. Margaree Seniors' Crib & Dessert – Thursdays at the N.E. Margaree Seniors' Hall, 66 Crowdis Crossroads, Margaree Valley: 6:30 p.m. – refreshments and dessert; 7 p.m. – play starts; \$10 for dessert & refreshments, even-split ticket, 24-hand special pot and play OR separate – refreshments - \$2; even-split – \$2 each or 3 for \$5; 24-hand - \$1; play - \$5 with 1st and 2nd prizes

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October – *For a shared mission* – We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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, Vicki MacEachern, David Timmons, Mary Stewart, Margaret Ross, Calum MacDonald, Donna McDaniel, Hugh Allan Chisholm, Delores Harris, Sandy Ross, Mildred MacDonald, Kenny Schack, Bob Fortune, Gen

Rose, Germaine Cormier, Jamie Wilson-McDermott and Claire LeBlanc. 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 Sarah Marie (Murphy) Kiley, sister of the late Sonny Murphy; Barbara (Coady) MacAleenan, sister of James Coady; Fr. Alex MacLellan and Kim MacPhee.

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: “GRATITUDE

To be grateful for what is instead of underscoring what is not.

To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life, without denying the presence of the unwanted.

To focus on beauty in the little things of life, as well as being deliberate about the great beauties of art, literature, music and nature.

To be present to one’s own small space of life, while stretching to the wide world beyond it.

To find something to laugh about in every day, even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

To search for and to see the good in others, rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

To be thankful for each loving deed done by another, no matter how insignificant it might appear.

To taste life to the fullest, and not take any part of it for granted.

To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings, even immense ones, and to put the past behind.

To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised, while also preserving their dignity and self-worth.

To be as loving and caring as possible, in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues.

To remember to say or send “thank you” for whatever comes as a gift from another.

To be at peace with what cannot be changed.”

- Joyce Rupp in *The Circle of Life*