

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 20, 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. 22 - St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Catherine Gillis req. by Marie & Leland Grady

Wed., Oct. 23 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Euphemia MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ross & Amanda

Thurs., Oct. 24 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Angus L. MacKinnon req. by Debbie MacIsaac

Fri., Oct. 25 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Rita Aucoin req. by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kelly

Memorials –

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you pray, do you "ask for the world"? Don't stop there, ask for heaven as well!

James and John approach the Lord boldly: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." Our Lord invites them, "What do you want me to do for you?" They have repeatedly experienced his supernatural powers and they have deep faith that he can grant their greatest wish: not only a place in the next world, but nothing less than seats at his right and his left in the kingdom!

St. Teresa of Avila teaches the proper attitude for us as we approach the Lord with our requests: "His Majesty knows best what is suitable for us; it is not for us to advise him what to give us, for he can rightly reply that we know not what we ask."

Our focus in prayer is properly the Kingdom, to seek the coming of the Kingdom as our Lord taught us. But the door to the heavenly reign is through suffering and service. The Lord will be glorified in heaven because he is the suffering Servant, whose suffering is the perfect offering which will take away the sin of the world. When we pray for a high place in heaven, how little we realize that we are also asking for a share in the cup of the Lord's suffering and baptism into his servant hood. Christ's whole life expresses his mission: "to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus is the Lamb of God and we are blessed to be worthy to receive him, to be "called to the Supper of the Lamb". St. John the Baptist hailed the Lord as the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for sins. The priest does the same in the liturgy, as he holds the consecrated host aloft and repeats the proclamation of the Baptist, inviting all to adore the Eucharistic Lord.

If we share the desire of James and John for a high place in heaven, to be a great saint, perhaps our first prayer should be for the grace to accept our own share in the Lord's suffering, to accept the crosses that are given to us, not merely the ones we choose for ourselves. This is to be servants in imitation of the Lord and for his sake, not seeking a return but seeing in Christian dignity its own reward and the vocation to be "other Christs".

This dignity is expressed in readiness to serve, in keeping with the example of Christ, who 'came not to be served but to serve.' If, in the light of this attitude of Christ's, 'being a king' is truly possible only by 'being a servant', then 'being a servant' also demands so much spiritual maturity that it must really be described as 'being a king.' In order to be able to serve others worthily and effectively we must be able to master ourselves, possess the virtues that make this mastery possible. (John Paul II, *Redemptor hominis*, 21).

I asked God for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong. I asked for wisdom but God gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity and God gave me brain and brawn to work. I asked for courage and

God gave me danger to overcome. I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help. I asked for favors and God gave me opportunities. I received nothing I wanted but I received everything I needed.

With prayers

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!

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney on Oct. 21. Blessed Carlo Acutis died in 2006, at age 15. He was declared Blessed by Pope Francis on Oct. 10, 2020 and will be canonized in 2025 during the Jubilee Year. He will be the first Millennial saint. In his short life, he shared his deep devotion through daily sacraments and technology to connect people worldwide with the power of Christ's love.

His relic will be at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River on Monday, Oct. 21. At 3 p.m., there will be Rosary with a talk by Fr. David Rankin in anticipation of the relic's arrival. At 6 p.m., there will be Mass with homily by Anthony Figueiredo, guardian of the relics. Eucharistic Adoration for half hour will follow the Mass. Confessions will be available in the evening. Prayer cards will be available to write your own intention. These will be collected and the intentions will be offered at a Mass in Assisi, Italy, home of the body of Blessed Carlo. A basket for free-will offerings will be available to help defray costs of relic travelling. The relic will be at St. Ninian's on Oct. 22.

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.

Membership Breakfast - Knights and their wives and wives of deceased members are invited to breakfast. If you know of any men in our community who would like to join the Knights or just want to check us out, please invite. Our Membership Breakfast is scheduled for November 16 at 9:30 a.m. at St Patrick's Hall, N .E. Margaree. All we ask is that you call to reserve your spot. (We have to know how many eggs to cook.) PLEASE CALL, Tom Godreau at 248-2697 or Mose Fortune at 248-2260 .

OTHER NEWS

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

The **St Michael's / Calvin United Remembrance Ceremony** will be held at **St Michael's Church**. The ceremony will start at **11:00 AM**.

The **Wilson United / St Patrick's Remembrance Ceremony** will be held in the **Community Centre**. The ceremony will start at **9:00 AM**

Wreaths that are laid on behalf of individuals can be placed at the cenotaph before the ceremony, during the reading of names or after the ceremony.

You may also pay your respects at the cenotaph by pinning your poppy on the Canada Wreath at the base of the cenotaph at the end of the ceremony.

Wreath Sales

Wreaths will be sold at the Belle Cote Community Centre on November 6th, 7th and 8th (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) from 10:00 to 2:00 or call Art at 902 224-0745.

Wreaths will be sold in North East Margaree at St Patrick's Hall on Monday, November 6th from 10:00 to 5:00 or call Lucy at 902 248-2295.

Note that the White Crosses are no longer being produced, but we still have a limited quantity available for this year.

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

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.

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, Claire LeBlanc and Darrell LeBlanc (Harry & Gloria). 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 Fr. Paul Abbass.

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: “Life can be complicated at times. Far too often, though, we are the ones who complicate it. Maybe it’s time to simplify your life. Recognize the little things that bring you joy and thank God for them.” – Mark Hart