

# 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*

## **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 27, 2024**

**Weekend Masses beginning Nov. 3 & 4:** St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

### **Weekday Masses:**

**Tues., Oct. 29 - St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m.** – Jean MacLean req. by Alison & Helen Gillis

**Wed., Oct. 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Georgette Skinner req. by Stella McDaniel & family

**Thurs., Oct. 31 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m.** – Cecile Chiasson req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harry LeBlanc

**Fri., Nov. 1 – St. Michael's – 6:30 p.m.** – Ludger LeFort req. by Annette LeFort & family **It is First Friday, so there will be Adoration and Confessions beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**Feast – Oct. 28** – St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles; **Solemnity** – Nov. 1 - All Saints; Nov. 2 – All Souls' Day

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

The grandchildren suddenly realized their blind grandfather was missing. They finally found him planting trees in a nearby field. They were upset. The old gentleman calmly said, "But don't you see how future generations will admire these trees?" The blind grandfather could see. His family, each with 20/20 vision, were blind. "Miserable people are not those who are blind but rather those who refuse to see." (John Kiley)

Bartimaeus shouts, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." That was clearly a Messianic title. Like the grandfather who opened this homily, Bartimaeus, though blind, could see. His instincts were sharper than a fresh razor blade. The divinity of Jesus had come across to him in waves. But those about him, who enjoyed good vision, were blind to the Son of Man.

The blind and deaf Helen Keller said, "The most beautiful things in the world can't be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Clever Bartimaeus saw Christ clearly with the eyes of his soul; so must you and I, or in a saint's words, "I believe that I may understand."

Jesus uncustomarily did nothing to shush him up as he blew His cover. So, in John Ryan's words, Bartimaeus becomes the first person of record from whom the Master accepted an acknowledgment of His Messiahship. This is the reason Mark names this important man. Jesus pauses in mid-syllable. This is a time for doing. He puts His own schedule on the back burner. He gives Bartimaeus center stage. More importantly, He gives him his sight. Many talk the talk but refuse to walk the walk. We too should belong to the "Just do it!" school.

Notice please that Bartimaeus does not wear the Master down with small requests when He asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus goes for the whole nine yards, "Master, let me see again." He gets his wish. Mark's point is none too subtle. When you come to Christ, do not bother Him with Lilliputian requests. Go for broke. Jesus obviously enjoys people who want the moon as well as the stars. He is one generous God. Should we forget it, we become the losers.

John Newton sums up the case this way, "Thou art coming to a king. Large petitions with thee bring."

This is the last healing miracle in Mark's Gospel. In Bartimaeus, Mark presents a trinity worth pondering. As William Barclay notes, the blind fellow begins with a need. Secondly, he offers a heartfelt thank you to his Healer. Finally in Mark's economic prose, "He followed Him along the road." That trinity is what Christian

discipleship is all about - need, gratitude, and enlistment. We would all do well to take a page out of Bartimaeus' modus operandi. Let us not be among the many who, though not blind, still refuse to see. Note well the cured man drives a heart through the tired old line that teaches seeing is believing. For him believing is seeing. Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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## **MINISTRY**

Mass times for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's will change the first weekend of November (**NEXT WEEKEND**). St. Joseph's Mass will be on Saturday at 4 p.m. and St. Patrick's will be on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Clocks fall back, too!

### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls**

**St. Joseph's – Tues., Nov. 5 – 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Patrick's – Wed., Nov. 6 – 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael's – Fri., Nov. 8 – 6:30 p.m.**

**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](http://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** - 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

**Development & Peace Fall Campaign** - **Together, let's work towards *Reaping our Rights!*** Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to join the ***Create Hope: Reaping our Rights*** campaign. See how peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations. Let's ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation!** **Sign at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)!** To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** (in this week's bulletin) or visit [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign). Sign the postcard in your bulletin, and bring it to Mass next week.

# CWL/KOC NEWS

**Knights CRIB GAMES** are on Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall with 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**St. Michael's Parish** - As part of our outreach at St. Michael's Parish and in conjunction with a fundraising project for our hall, we are inviting folks to join us on Monday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. at the hall beginning on Oct 28. We are inviting all members of the community to join us. We will have people available to instruct those who wish to learn to quilt. We invite any non-quilters to gather for a time of comradery. Bring a project you might have on the go or play a game of cards. We will have puzzles set up for the puzzle lovers. Coffee, tea, and a baked treat will be served for a donation. Come gather with friends and neighbours and have a chat.

### **Remembrance Day Ceremonies (NEW)**

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

The **Wilson United / St Patrick's Remembrance Ceremony** will be held in the **Cranton Crossroads Community Centre**. The ceremony will start at **9 a.m.**

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 and donations accepted at the Belle Cote Community Centre on November 7 and 8 (Thursday and Friday) from 10 to 2 or call Marcel at 902 224-1917.

Wreaths will be sold and donations accepted in North East Margaree at St Patrick's Hall on Wednesday, November 6 from 10 to 5 or call Lucy at 902 248-2295.

We encourage you to re-use your wreaths by collecting them after the ceremony and saving them for next year. The Legion would still appreciate a donation to the Poppy Fund of course.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Province of Quebec: Day of Prayer for Peace – October 27** – This Sunday, during the annual Disarmament Week instituted by the United Nations (Oct. 24-30), the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops invites Christian communities to pray for world peace.

**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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November** – *For anyone who has lost a child* – We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**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, Darrell LeBlanc (Harry & Gloria) and Danny Gillis. 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** Joseph Miller, brother of Judy Miller.

**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: “We can, if we will, become a saint, for God will never refuse to help us to do so.” – St. John Vianney