

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

Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 24, 2024

Weekend Masses: 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., Nov. 26 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. - Peggy MacDougall req. by Connie Barlow

Wed., Nov. 27 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. - Cindy Connolly req. by Don & Norma Feeney

Thurs., Nov. 28 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. - Ronald Matheson req. by Anne MacKinnon

Fri., Nov. 29 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. - Duncan MacKinnon req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fortune

Feast: Nov. 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Silvan is attending a retreat with his religious congregation in Mexico.

MINISTRY

World Day of Youth – “Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart.” – Pope Francis

“Dilexit nos” (“He loved us”), Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, was released Oct. 24. With a brief introduction and divided into five chapters, the Encyclical continues the tradition and speaks of the relevance of “the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ,” renewing his authentic devotion: the Heart of Jesus impels us to love and sends us to our brothers and sisters. To learn more and read the Encyclical: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/dilexit-nos-he-loved-us/>

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.

Dec. 8 – Christmas Party for Families of St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's will be held on December 8 at St. Patrick's Hall from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. There will be hot dogs, hot chocolate, juice and Christmas treats. Also, there will be a cake walk, and a visit from Santa is possible. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Wreath Making will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, S.W. Margaree beginning at 2 p.m. on Dec. 1/24 with instructor Michael Gillis. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25.00 If interested, call Cathy Miller 902-248-2610.

Sunday Missals for 2024-25 are available at the entrance of each Church as we begin a new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent on December 1.

Finance Committee Meeting – The Finance Committee will meet on Dec. 3 following the 6:30 Mass at St. Joseph's.

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! To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** (in last week's bulletin) or visit devp.org/campaign. If you have the D&P postcard, there is still time to return it to Church.

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.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held on Thurs., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall.

St. Patrick's CWL – Sheila is collecting per capita dues (\$34.) for CWL (2025). St. Patrick's CWL Christmas Party will take place on Wed., Dec. 11 beginning with a hot meal at 5:30 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

St. Michael's Parish – St. Michael's Parish Hall will be open every Monday from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome to stop in. Feel free to bring a project you are working on. There's a puzzle, cards, and a quilting frame set up. Experienced and beginner quilters are welcome to try it out. Enjoy a cup of tea, say hi to an old friend or meet a new one.

Margaree Reindeer Games will take place in St. Michael's Parish Hall from 8-12 p.m. on Nov.30. This event is open to folks 19 yr. of age and over. Advanced sale of a limited number of viewer tickets will take place on Mon., Nov 25 from 1-4 pm at the hall. Come out for an evening of fun and support the Hall fundraising efforts. **Family Reindeer Games** will occur on Dec 1 from 1-4 also at the hall.

No Options, No Choice - November 26 is Election Day in Nova Scotia. As candidates seek your vote, it is an opportunity to ask them about Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada has compiled a list of topics, suggested questions and background information. Read and download them here: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/>

ICMH Annual Christmas Tea & Sale - The Inverness Hospital Auxiliary are hosting their annual Christmas Tea and Sale this Sunday, November 24 at the Inverness Legion from 2 to 5 p.m. Baking may be dropped off with Aurea Gillis (248-2061) or Eileen Coady (248-2951) by 11 a.m. on November 24.

Shrine Gift Shop in Mabou - On Saturday, December 7, there will be a Christmas Shopping Sale at the Shrine Gift Shop in Mabou from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. All gifts, except for the candles, will be 50% OFF. We still have some wonderful gifts for Baptism and Confirmation. All are 1/2 price while they last. We also have many other gifts for friends and family. Hope to see you here!

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

New/Used Stamps- Parishioners are encouraged to buy Christmas Nativity stamps during the Christmas Season. Used stamps can be left at the entrance of each Church, and they will be sent away periodically by St. Patrick's CWL. Used stamps will be sent in late January.

PRAYERS

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.

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), Kathleen Deveau and Callista Adams. 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 Gordon Gillis, Corinne MacDonald and Steve MacLellan, brother of John, Belle Cote.

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: Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope for itself and for the world.” – Pope Benedict XVI

Preparation for Advent

Below are five suggestions for Advent (adapted from the website goodcatholic.com):

1. Ask God to help you to draw near(er) to Him.

Pray for transformation and to be better prepared to celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council, which presents the Daily TV Mass, will have an Advent retreat each day during Advent with reflections from Cardinal Thomas Collins on the website dailymass.com, YouTube and through the Daily TV Mass app/

2. Begin to practise silence.

“The wisdom of God has generated in every person a great love that nourishes the little silence of the human heart.” – Robert Cardinal Sarah in *The Power of Silence*.

Practise a little each day to prepare a listening heart during Advent.

3. Gather your essential Advent items.

Advent wreath, nativity scene and Jesse Tree ornaments (Visit faithward.org for Jesse Tree symbols and Bible stories.)

4. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Remember what is important – drawing closer to God.

5. Prepare for a good confession now.

Advent is a good time to acknowledge our great need for Jesus. A question to ponder: If we don't recognize that we are sinners in need of a Saviour, what is it that we are longing for during the Season of Advent?

Reconciliation Service – December 20 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's