Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

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Mission Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation

First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, 2026

Weekday Masses:

Tues., Dec. 1 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – James Andrew (Andy) Jerome Murphy req. by Ann & Brian MacLean
Wed., Dec. 2 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Owen Cameron req. by Bernadette Murphy
Thurs., Dec. 3 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Didace Cormier req. by Jeanette & Lawrence Cameron
Friday – Dec. 4 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Mary Jane & John MacEachern req. by John & Danena Aucoin

Memorial: Dec. 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

MINISTRY

E-transfer Email for St. Michael's – smcc1181@gmail.com

Parish Committees: An Invitation to Get Involved - The **Margaree Family of Catholic Churches** is establishing three committees in each of our churches: St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's. **Art & Environment:** Caring for the beauty of our churches, sacred art, decorations, and liturgical environment. **Social Justice:** Putting our faith into action through charitable works, outreach, and care for those in need. **Faith Formation:** Encouraging opportunities for people of all ages to learn about and grow in their Catholic faith. Each committee will be encouraged to organize at least one activity or project each year. The chairperson of each committee will also serve on our new **Margaree Family of Catholic Churches Pastoral Council**, helping to guide our pastoral life together.

Advent - "Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophesies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season." – from the ORDO

Job Opportunity – If anyone is interested in shoveling the entrances to the glebe and St. Michael's Church this winter, please contact Fr. David.

Religion Classes – First Reconciliation preparation will take place each Sunday in Mary's Room after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Let Us Care for One Another! - As colder weather brings more colds and other illnesses, please use the hand sanitizer at the entrance of our churches or bring your own. This is not a return to COVID rules, but a simple

way to care for one another, especially seniors and vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Missals for 2026-2027 are available at the entrance of each Church.

Fr. Peter's Radio Show Special – There will be a three-hour special of Fr. Peter's Radio Show for the Advent-Christmas Season on Sun., Nov. 29 from 1-4 p.m. The theme is "The Promised Light".

Margaree Food Security Society – offers assistance to all people in need of financial help for grocery items. **Effective February 10, 2026**, calls for assistance will be accepted on the second Tuesday of each month only. This does not change the amounts offered, rather is a more efficient and organized manner to process requests. Hours remain 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and phone number is 902-248-2888. A volunteer will assist you with obtaining a Co-op gift card that can be used for any items you require with the exception of alcohol, tobacco products and lottery tickets. This service is confidential.

The Margaree Food Security Society continues to accept monetary donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. Donations can be made by forwarding your cheque, made out to St. Patrick's Parish c/o Cecile Miller, St. Patrick's Parish, NE Margaree, NS, B0E 2H0. Tax receipt will be issued. Donations may also be put in Sunday Collection in envelope marked "Margaree Food Security".

CWL/KOC NEWS

KOC – The Knights of Columbus will meet on Thurs., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall.

Study of Pope Leo's Encyclical *Magnificent Humanity* – A study of Pope Leo's encyclical will take place at St. Patrick's Hall on Dec. 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. This encyclical is "on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence". All are welcome to attend. The encyclical can be purchased for $27. Contact Cecile if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

KOC - Crib – Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Come enjoy a game of CRIB with your friends. We will have all your favourites; Jackpot, Even-split, Booby and High Hand prizes. 1st prize, 2nd prize and some prizes through the year. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

Collection of Used Glasses/Cases – Please bring any used glasses or glass cases you have, and place them in the box at the entrance of St. Michael's Church.

ICMH Christmas Tea & Sale - The Inverness ICMH Auxiliary will host their annual Christmas Tea and Sale on Sunday, November 29 at the Inverness Legion - 2 to 5 p.m. A wonderful seasonal event supporting our hospital with many volunteers from our communities. Numerous tables with home baking, fudge, crafts, gently used jewellery, Christmas delights, parcel post, and children's activities - plus a visit from Santa. Do plan to drop by - have tea and shop for Christmas. Local contacts for donations of baking and crafts - Helena Hart, North East Margaree and Therese Doucet and Eileen Coady, Margaree Forks. In the East Margaree area, contact Anne LeBlanc (902 235 2064) for tea tickets or 50/50 tickets.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - The Margaree Kinettes are inviting all seniors of the Margaree area to please join us at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Sunday, December 13 at 12 noon. Come have lunch with us, visit with Santa, have a chance to win a door prize, enjoy great local talent and spend some time with us and other members of the community as well. Hope to see you there.

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for December 2026 – *For single-parent families* – let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Condolences are extended to the family of Theresa Leaver, sister of Claudia Fortune.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Kathleen Deveau, Margaret Rose Fortune, Cathy Aucoin, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Eva Murphy, Isadore Murphy, Margie MacDonnell, Pauline Berry, Eleanor Gillis, Bernie Arsenault, Larry Mugford and Albert LeBlanc. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the parish office**.**

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 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. 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.

Prayer for Peace in the World - Loving Father, we bring to you the suffering of our world today. Look kindly upon every person living in fear, suffering persecution, or facing death. Help us to remember that you are the Father of all of your children on earth. Fill each heart with an unwavering trust in your Fatherly love. Forgive us when we have not cared for our earth, the home you have given. Forgive us when we chose the path of selfishness rather than the path of Love. Forgive us when we forgot to live as brothers and sisters on this earth, the way you have shown in fellowship with your disciples. Look upon us with your compassion, the way you looked upon the world from the cross. Remember not the evil we have done, but see the depth of our repentance. Give peace to the world, help us to live anew. Send your Spirit to guide each of our steps, to build rather than to destroy, to love rather than to hate, to live rather than to die. In Jesus' name, through the victory of his resurrection, we pray. Amen.

Quote: "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." – St. Teresa of Calcutta