



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 20, 2026

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., Sept. 22 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Helen Gillis req. by Hughena & Brian Boyden

Wed., Sept. 23 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – John Hannigan req. by Marlene Fortune

Thurs., Sept. 24 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Peter Leppard req. by Anne & Simon LeBlanc

Fri., Sept. 25 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Isadore Doucet req. by Delina & family

Feasts: Sept. 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist; Sept. 26 – St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, and companions, Martyrs, secondary patrons of Canada; Sept. 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.

New address for Fr. Silvan: 2060 Haultain St., Victoria, BC V8R 2L7

MINISTRY

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

What's Wrong with MAiD? – A presentation will be given in Cheticamp on Sun., Oct. 18. Save the date. More details will follow.

Season of Creation - The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Roman Catholic Church in 2015, and in 2019 started celebrating the Season of Creation as well. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take the time to care for creation during the month-long celebration. Throughout this time, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. (adapted from the Season of Creation website)

Pope Leo XIV's Message – Visit vatican.va for Pope Leo's message "For the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026".

Season of Creation Prayer Service will be hosted by Wilson United Church this year on Fri., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Wilson United Church followed by fellowship in the Hall.

Wood for the Fireplace at the Glebe - Fr. David is using the fireplace and is running out of dry hardwood to stoke the fire. If anyone has firewood (1 foot long) and is willing to donate some, please contact Fr. David.

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

CWL - The CWL will be coordinating the Diaper Drive spearheaded by Cape Breton Right to Life during the month of October. Donations of diapers, wipes and pull-ups will be gratefully accepted. Cape Breton Right to Life will collect the donated items from the bins at the entrance of each of our churches and give them to Family Place Resource Centres across the island. The closest Centre to us is in Inverness.

OTHER NEWS

Spaghetti Dinner Cancelled - The planned Spaghetti Dinner at St. Joseph's has been cancelled because of many other events taking place at that time.

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.

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2026 – *For the care of water* – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Condolences are extended to the families of John MacEachern, husband of the late Mary Jane Aucoin and Judy MacLellan, CWL member from Iona.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Bob Fortune, Margaret Rose Fortune, Cathy Aucoin, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Eva Murphy, Isadore Murphy, Margie MacDonnell and Pauline Berry. 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 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.

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.

A Prayer for Our Earth – Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.