



Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

St. Joseph's

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 5, 2025

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 Mass:

Tues., Oct. 7 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Barbara McAleenan req. by Frances MacLellan

Wed., Oct. 8 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Bell Murphy req. by Calixte & Wilfredine Tompkins

Thurs., Oct. 9 – St. Joseph's – 11 a.m. – Funeral Mass for Donna Gillis

Fri., Oct. 10 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Effie & Hughie Dunn req. by the family

Memorial: Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

From the Pastor's Desk - Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are already in the fall season, and here in Margaree the hills and valleys are painted in beautiful colours—gold, orange, red, green and brown. Nature reminds us that every season has its own beauty, and autumn in a special way shows us God's artistry. Just as the trees are clothed in many colours, this month of October is also meant to be colourful in our spiritual lives. It is the Month of the Holy Rosary, when the Church invites us to take up this prayer with fresh devotion.

The rosary itself is like a garden of colours. Each set of mysteries—the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious—adds a shade to our prayer life. Together they form a spiritual landscape as beautiful as our fall hills. When we pray the rosary, we are not simply repeating words, but meditating on the colours of Christ's life—from the bright joy of Bethlehem, to the dark sorrow of Calvary, to the radiant glory of the Resurrection.

October also calls us to let the rosary colour our own lives with the virtues of Jesus and Mary. The Joyful mysteries teach us gratitude and humility, the Luminous mysteries help us see the light of Christ in our daily life, the Sorrowful mysteries give us strength in suffering, and the Glorious mysteries fill us with hope.

The rosary is a prayer of peace and protection. History reminds us of its power: from the victory at Lepanto in 1571, when Christians prayed the rosary for deliverance, to the call of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917, asking us to pray for peace in the world. And closer to home, how many of us have reached for the rosary during times of sickness, grief, or worry, and found in it a strength that carried us through?

In this beautiful season of autumn, as the leaves fall and the air grows crisp, let us take the rosary in our hands. Let it be our way of thanking God for the colours of creation, and of colouring our hearts with the presence of Christ.

This October, I invite you:

- Pray the rosary in your families, so that faith may remain strong in your homes.
- Pray for peace in our world, especially where there is war and violence.
- Pray for our parish, that we may grow in holiness and unity.

Brothers and sisters, the rosary is like a path through a colourful forest. Every bead is a step with Mary, leading us closer to Jesus. Let us walk that path this October, and let our lives shine with the colours of faith, hope, and love.

Your pastor,
Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Tues., Oct. 7 following the 6:30 Mass at St. Joseph's.

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. You can also drop your donation in the church collection in an envelope marked "Margaree Food Security Society".

St. Michael's & St. Patrick's Cemetery Burial Policy: Please be aware that for non-practising and non-contributing parishioners (those parishioners who do not support the parish by giving a total sum of \$500.00 to the parish during the two years prior to burial), at the time of burial, there is a burial fee of \$500.00 (for maintenance) payable to the Cemetery fund. For non-residents of the Margarees at the time of death, the burial fee is \$1 000. We take great pride in maintaining the resting place of your loved ones. If you require further information, please contact Anne LeBlanc (902-235-2064) or Cecile Miller (902-248-2305).

Confirmation preparation will begin in the fall. Parents are encouraged to submit names of candidates for this final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church.

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? – FUTURE - My Catholic Women's League is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. The future needs you.

St. Patrick's CWL – St. Patrick's CWL will meet on Wed., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall. There will be an open discussion to find out if there are any concerns, if we need support or may be considering becoming inactive or disbanding. (This is part of a national initiative.) Your input is important! All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus - The KOC crib games for Sunday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 12 are CANCELLED.....Oct. 5 so that we can attend a very IMPORTANT meeting (See the announcement below.) at 6:30 at the Fire Hall which affects the residents of the Margaree area and on Oct. 12 because of Thanksgiving. We will see you again on Oct. 19. Thank you for your understanding.....Mose.

OTHER NEWS

Important Meeting - There will be a very important hearing of the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission at the Margaree Firemen's Club at Margaree Forks on Sunday, October 5 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Margaree area residents are encouraged to attend and share your voice on this important issue. The proposed provincial Electoral Boundary changes impact the Margaree area, and the commission needs to hear from Margaree residents before they make their decision. Plan to attend.

Taize prayer is a contemplative Ecumenical Christian worship service that involves meditative song, prayer, scripture and silence as part of the worship experience. Taize worship comes from the Taize community in

France who have for many years developed this worship experience and have nurtured a worldwide Taize following providing resources for groups to experience the tradition in their local communities. A small group of people in the Margaree and Lake Ainslie communities have come together to create a group that will host Taize prayer in this area. The location for the next Taize prayer will be Wilson United Church in Margaree Centre (1625 West Big Intervale Rd) on Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m. in the church hall. All are welcome for a time of reflection, song and silence. For more information on the Taize prayers in the Margarees please contact Marilyn Burrell at marilyn.r.burrell@icloud.com, Maggie Herbert at 902-258-3320, or Jennifer Watts at 902-440-7361. For more information about Taize please visit: <https://www.taize.fr/en>

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2025 – *For collaboration between different religious traditions* – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Hector LeBlanc, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Avelyn Lown, Bob Fortune, Reggie Chiasson, Mary Murphy, Cathy Aucoin, Odette (Emile) LeBlanc, Thomas LeBlanc, Marie Tompkins (Sydney) and Rose Anne Chiasson. 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 Glenda Clark and Geraldine (Hinkley) Kennedy..

Collections for September:

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$2 890; Loose - \$134; Ins. - \$10; N. of CC - \$162

St. Michael's – Reg. \$4 380; Loose - \$562; N. of CC - \$140

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$2 468; Loose - \$156.08; Ins. - \$110; N. of CC - \$20; Cem. - \$100; Fuel - \$80; MFSS –

St. Joseph's - \$50, St. Patrick's - \$40

Quote: “The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” - Pope Pius XI

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