



Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

St. Joseph's

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 19, 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. 21 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Anne Marie MacDonald req. by Neil Gillis

Wed., Oct. 22 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Anne Gloria Maillet req. by Allen, Barbara & Amanda Ross

Thurs., Oct. 23 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Lennie O'Neill req. by Anne & Simon LeBlanc

Fri., Oct. 24 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Len Burt req. by Dorothy MacKenzie & family

Memorial: none this week

From the Pastor's Desk - My dear people in Christ,

We all have our hilltop moments, moments when we feel the weight of prayer, responsibility, or suffering pressing down on us. Like Moses in the first reading, we begin our battles with courage and hope, but as the hours and days pass, our arms grow heavy, our enthusiasm weakens, and our faith begins to tire. There are times when we pray fervently but hear no answer...times when we try to do what's right, yet face opposition or loneliness...times when we simply feel too weary to keep going.

These are the moments when our hands fall when the battle seems too long and our faith too small, but the Word of God today reminds us that we are not meant to stand alone on that hill. Even Moses the great leader, the man of God could not hold up his hands by himself. He needed Aaron and Hur beside him. They didn't fight the battle for him, but they supported him so that he could keep praying, keep believing, and keep standing firm.

This is what faith looks like in real life not perfect strength, but shared perseverance. We all need our Aarons and Hurs, people who lift us up when our spirits are low, who pray for us when we can't pray, who remind us that we are not alone, and at the same time, God calls us to be that support for someone else, to notice the tired arms around us, to offer encouragement, to quietly hold up another person's faith when it starts to fall.

The responsorial psalm today gives voice to this truth: "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." The psalmist lifts his eyes to the mountains and asks, "From where shall my help come?" It's the question that rises from every human heart in moments of fear, weakness, or uncertainty, and the answer comes with calm conviction: "My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Our help does not come from human power, from wealth, or from clever solutions. It comes from the Lord, the Creator of all things, who never sleeps, never tires, and never forgets us. But to live this truth is not easy. It's one thing to say that our help comes from the Lord — it's another thing to trust it when life feels dark, when prayers seem unanswered, and when hope begins to fade.

That's why the Gospel today fits so perfectly. Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow — a woman who keeps returning to an unjust judge, day after day, asking for justice. She doesn't give up. She doesn't lose heart. Eventually, even the unjust judge gives in, not because he's righteous, but because she refuses to stop asking. And Jesus tells this story, Luke says, "to teach us the need to pray always and not lose heart." God is not like the unjust judge. He is good, merciful, and attentive. But Jesus knows that we need persistence in prayer, because prayer is not about wearing God down; it's about staying close to Him, especially when we don't see results. Every time we pray, even in dryness, we are saying, "Lord, I still trust You. My help is from You."

The widow's perseverance mirrors Moses' faith on the mountain — both kept going when they were tired. Both refused to give up. Both discovered that strength comes not from themselves, but from God.

So, dear friends, the message today is both comforting and challenging:

- When your faith grows weary, remember that your help is from the Lord.
- When you see someone struggling, be their Aaron or Hur — lift them up.
- And when God seems silent, be like the persistent widow — keep praying, keep trusting, keep knocking.

Faith is not measured by how easily we receive answers, but by how faithfully we keep praying when we don't. It's not about never getting tired — it's about finding strength in the Lord when we do.

When you face your next "hilltop moment" — when your hands grow weary or your heart grows faint — lift your eyes and whisper the truth of today's psalm, "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

And if you see someone beside you whose hands are trembling — lift them up because when we hold one another in faith, God holds all of us in His strength.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, your pastor,

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

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 and St. Patrick's Cemetery Committees wish to advise that traditional burial sites cannot be bought or reserved in our cemeteries. Traditional (body) burials are by rotation which became the "law" many years ago. Thank you for your understanding. At St. Patrick's, a space is left for a surviving spouse.

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? – GROWTH – The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy? Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

St. Patrick's CWL – St. Patrick's CWL met on Wed., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall with 17 members and prospective members. The next meeting will be held on Wed., Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. in **Margaree Meeting Place**, Margaree Forks.

Knights of Columbus - The KOC crib games will continue Sunday, Oct. 19.

OTHER NEWS

Monday afternoon gatherings at St. Michael's Hall will resume in early November. Exact date will be announced as we draw nearer. Plan to join us for a social afternoon including tea and a sweet treat. Bring your own craft projects, work on our puzzle, help us with our fundraiser quilt or just come for tea. All are welcome. Donations are accepted.

Wreath Sales for Remembrance Day -Wreaths will be sold at the Belle Cote Community Centre on November 5th and 6th (Wednesday and Thursday) from 12:00 to 2:00 or call Art at 902 224-0745. Wreaths will be sold in North East Margaree at St Patrick's Hall on November 5th and 6th (Wednesday and Thursday) from 10:00 to 5:00 or call Lucy at 902 248-2295.

Note that the White Crosses are no longer being produced, but we still have a limited quantity available for this year.

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), Rose Anne Chiasson and Ernie LeBlanc. 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

Quote: "God gives us gifts to know him, love him and serve him, so we can spend eternity with him in heaven. All we have been given is to be used for that purpose." - Lisa Brenninkmeyer in Walking with Purpose

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