



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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 26, 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.

NB – Mass times for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's will change next weekend, Nov. 1,2. Mass at St. Joseph's at 4 p.m. Saturday; Mass at St. Patrick's at 9:30 Sunday morning

Fall Back – Clocks fall back next weekend!

Weekday Mass:

Tues., Oct. 28 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – John LeBlanc req. by Marie MacNeil

Wed., Oct. 29 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Danny Gillis req. by Alex Ross

Thurs., Oct. 30 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Dale LeBlanc req. by Annie & Pat Wall

Fri., Oct. 31 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Kyle MacIsaac req. by Marie Hilda & Jimmy MacIsaac & family

Feast: Oct. 28 – St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles; **Solemnity:** Nov. 1 - All Saints

From the Pastor's Desk - Greetings of peace and joy in the name of Jesus Christ,

This Sunday's readings remind us that God sees the heart, not appearances. In the Gospel, the Pharisee stands tall and lists all his good deeds, while the tax collector simply bows his head and prays, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus tells us that it was the humble tax collector not the proud Pharisee who went home right with God.

Our world today often rewards self-promotion, image, and success. We post our achievements, compare ourselves with others, and sometimes even measure our worth by how we appear. But God's measure is different. What matters to Him is honesty, humility, and the courage to admit our need for His mercy.

In the second reading, St. Paul looks back on his life with gratitude, saying, "I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith." His confidence isn't in his own strength, but in the Lord who stood by him and gave him courage. That same grace is offered to us especially when we feel tired, unnoticed, or alone.

The Book of Sirach reminds us that, "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." God always hears the cry of the humble heart. True holiness is not about being perfect, but about being real before God, acknowledging that everything good in us comes from Him.

As we come before the Lord this week, let's make the prayer of the tax collector our own, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." In that humble prayer, we find peace, healing, and the joy of knowing that God's love is greater than our failings.

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

All Souls' Day Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church on Monday, November 3, at 7 p.m. for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches - St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and St. Patrick's. Next year, the All Souls' Day Mass will be held in either St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's for all 3 churches and will continue to rotate from year to year.

Please attend to give support to those who have lost members of their families since last year's service. - The Liturgy Committee of the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches

MEETINGS

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tues., Oct. 28 after the 6:30 Mass at St. Joseph's.
The meeting of St. Michael's Cemetery, scheduled for Tues., Oct. 28, is postponed to Tues., Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Mary's Room.

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 Cemetery Committee is most grateful to the ten helpers who came to the cemetery on Sat., Oct. 18 to continue the upkeep of our cemetery. On Sun., Nov. 2, please consider making a donation in memory of your loved ones. (There is a yellow envelope in your parish box of envelopes. A self-addressed white envelope will be fine too.) Your thoughtfulness, generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's Parish is requesting a return of all keys for the Parish Hall. If you have a hall key and are not currently on the Hall Committee, please return it to the Parish office. There are issues with the door being left unlocked, heat and lights being left on. Persons who have a need to have keys will be issued keys. This is in an effort to curtail our expenses.

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? – HEALING - As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

St. Patrick's CWL – The next meeting of St. Patrick's CWL will be held on Wed., Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. in **Margaree Meeting Place**, Margaree Forks. There will be reports from the Diocesan Fall Conference plus discussion of a planned service action. Members and prospective members are urged to attend. Per capita dues (\$34) can be paid to Sheila. The names of all members who pay their dues before Dec. 11 will be placed in a hat, and the member whose name is drawn will be reimbursed her \$34.

Knights of Columbus - The KOC crib games will continue each Sunday.

OTHER NEWS

Monday afternoon gatherings at St. Michael's Hall will resume Monday, Nov 17 at 1 p.m. Bring your own craft projects, work on the parish quilt or the community puzzle. Tea, coffee and dessert are served. Our company is exceptional. Donations for the hall are accepted.

Remembrance Ceremonies – St. Michael's/Calvin United – St. Michael's Church starting at 11 a.m. United Church/St. Patrick's – Cranton Crossroad Community Centre – 9 a.m.

Wreaths that are laid on behalf of individuals can be placed at the cenotaph, before the ceremony, during the reading of names or after the ceremony. You may also pay your respects at the cenotaph by pinning your poppy on the Canada Wreath at the base of the cenotaph at the end of the ceremony.

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

Halloween Party - There will be a Halloween party for the children of the Margaree areas on Sunday, October 26 from 2-4 p.m. at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall with cupcake decorating, cake dance, games, and treat bags. - Sponsored by the Margaree Kinette Club with assistance from the Margaree Co-op and Firemen's Club.

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.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2025 – *For the prevention of suicide* – Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm and Camilla Tompkins. 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 Richard LeBlanc.

Quote: "You must be holy in the way that God asks you to be holy. God does not ask you to be a Trappist monk or a hermit. He wills that you sanctify the world in your everyday life."

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