



# 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*

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 8, 2026**

**Weekend Masses:** St. Joseph's – Sat., 4 p.m.; St. Patrick's – Sun., 9:30 a.m.; St. Michael's – Sun., 11 a.m.

**Memorials:** Feb. 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin; Feb. 14 – St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

With a heart full of gratitude and mixed emotions, I write to you as I prepare to say farewell after four and a half blessed years of serving you as your pastor. These years in Margaree have been a true gift to me years marked by faith, friendship, shared prayer, and deep pastoral joy.

Together we have celebrated the sacraments, supported one another in moments of sorrow, and rejoiced in times of hope and grace. I am deeply thankful for your kindness, your generosity, your hospitality, and your strong faith that continues to inspire me. You welcomed me not just as a priest, but as part of your family, and for that I will always be grateful.

As I now prepare to begin a new chapter of ministry far away in Victoria, I do so trusting in God's plan. Though the distance will separate us physically, you will remain very close to my heart. I will carry with me the memories, lessons, and love I have received here in Margaree.

I ask your forgiveness for any shortcomings during my ministry among you, and I thank you sincerely for your patience, support, and prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I begin this new assignment, just as I assure you of my continued prayers for each of you and for this faith-filled community.

May the Lord bless the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches abundantly, guide your future pastors, and keep you strong in faith, hope, and love.

With deep gratitude and affection, I say farewell—not goodbye, but until we meet again in Christ.

Yours in Christ, Your pastor

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

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## **MINISTRY**

**Mass Intentions** – There are more Mass intentions offered than can be remembered at Masses in our three churches. From time to time, some are sent outside the parishes to: retired priests of our Diocese, other priests of Fr. Silvan's Religious Congregation and Fr. Peter. Fr. Silvan will be taking 100 intentions when he goes to Victoria. The stipends offered for these Masses will go to his congregation. Be assured that intentions you offered will be remembered, if not in our parishes, at Masses in other locations.

**St. Michael's Parish Bereavement Commitment** has members: Debby Arsenault, Lawrence Cameron, Helena Chiasson and Elaine LeBlanc. Thank you to all who serve in this important ministry.

**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**

**What's Your CWL? MENTORSHIP** - Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

**CWL Meeting** – The CWL will meet on Wed., Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Margaree Meeting Place. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are welcome.

**CWL Pancake Supper** – Pancake Supper will be held at St. Patrick's Hall on Tues., Feb. 17 beginning at 4:30 p.m. – pancakes, sausages, dessert, tea & coffee; large plate - \$10; small - \$7.

**Seniors' Valentine Social** – A Seniors' Valentine Social will be held at St. Patrick's Hall on Sun., Feb. 8 from 2-4 p.m. All seniors are welcome to attend.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Pancake Luncheon** - St. Michael's Parish Hall will host a Pancake Luncheon on Feb 17 from 11-2. Traditional and/or Potato pancakes with sausage, dessert and tea/coffee will be served. Cost: Adults: \$15; Children: \$8.

**Monday afternoon gatherings** at St. Michael's Hall have resumed on Mondays 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.

**Challenge/Cursillo** - Cape Breton Challenge Executive are trying to renew the Challenge movement in our area again. We are reaching out to our Challenge/Cursillo family to see if there is anyone among you who would be interested in working a Challenge weekend or be a member of the Challenge Executive. If this is of interest to you please reach out to us - Eastern region Rose Henry [roseh5029@gmail.com](mailto:roseh5029@gmail.com) or 902-577-1517, Mabou region Ashley Roach [roachashley1988@gmail.com](mailto:roachashley1988@gmail.com) or 902-224-5035. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we move forward and for the success of reviving this beautiful movement. Thank You from Lay Directors Rose and Ashley

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage, April 26 - May 6, 2026** with Fr. Andrew Gillies and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier (group leader). \$2,899. (return flights from Halifax). Single supplement \$350 (if available). Included in price: airfare, ground travel in Europe, two meals a day, professional Medjugorje guide, two days of excursions to the UNESCO city of Mostar and a local village's Divine Mercy Chapel. Contact: [rhonda\\_lynn\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:rhonda_lynn_c@hotmail.com) or (902)448-3660.

## **PRAYERS**

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for February 2026** –*For children with incurable diseases* – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Prayer Corner** – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, HectorLeBlanc, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Bob Fortune, Margaret Rose Fortune, Reggie Chiasson, Mary Murphy, Cathy Aucoin, Odette (Emile) LeBlanc, Thomas LeBlanc, Marie Tompkins (Sydney), Rose Anne Chiasson, Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Alphonse Cormier and Marg Burton. 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** Alex Miller, brother of Judy Miller; and Rose Marie Phinney, daughter of Victor and Theresa Cormier.

**Prayer for World Peace** – Father, even when things seem hopeless, we know that through You we are never without hope. We beg your intervention for a world on the brink of war. Beat our swords into plowshares and cause the lion to lie down with the lamb. Intervene in this world that we might avoid the horrors of war and let peace rule in all lands. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.,

**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. 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 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.

**Quote: Stop disqualifying yourself because you feel ordinary. God can do more through a willing, trusting heart than through raw talent. Holiness isn't reserved for the gifted – it is for the available.” – Matthew Kelly**