



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 of Lent, Mar. 22, 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.

Weekday Mass/Stations of the Cross – St. Patrick's – Stations of the Cross on Friday, Mar. 27 at 6:15 p.m. followed by Mass – Frank Crowdis req. by Steve & Mary Murphy

Fr. Silvan's new address: Fr. Silvichan Dominic, c/o Holy Cross Catholic Church, 4049 Gordon Head Rd., Vitoria, BC V8N 3X7

MINISTRY

PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

Wed., Mar. 25 at 6:30 p.m. – St. Michael's Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7 p.m. - St. Michael's Church

Good Friday, April 3 - 3 p.m. - St. Michael's Church

Easter Vigil, April 4 - 8 p.m. - St. Michael's Church

Easter Sunday, April 5 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church; 11 a.m. - St. Joseph's Church

MEETING

St. Micheal's Cemetery Committee will meet on Tues., Mar. 24 in Mary's Room at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Collection – The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See (the Vatican), this Pontifical collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use credit cards, Interac or Canadahelps, accessible at: www.commissariat.ca in the "Support Us" link. – Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Attention, Parishioners! In the absence of a parish priest, the Pastoral Council members are available to be contacted should you need assistance. Please feel free to call one of your representatives. We will do our best to help you and/or lead you in the right direction to find a solution to your issue. St Joseph's: Mary MacNeil. 902-248-2317, Lawrence MacLellan. 902-248-2180, Donald Gillis. 902-248-2717; St Michael's: Lorna Chiasson 902-248-2451, Alphonse Cornier 705-788-4118, Dave Howe. 902-224-1131; St Patrick's - Mose Fortune. 902-248-2260, Tom Godreau. 902-248-2697, Mariah McDaniel. 902-248-2242

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".

Solidarity Sunday – Our *On Track for Justice* Share Lent campaign hits its crescendo on **Solidarity Sunday, March 22**. On this fifth Sunday of Lent, parishes across Canada will hold special collection for Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC). This collection, supported by the bishops, is our most important fundraising moment of every year. The donations we receive sustain our partners' transformational work around the world (see our [new reports page](#)). That's why we invite you to give generously and to urge your family and friends to do so, too.

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? RESILIENCE - The Catholic Women's League celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The resilience over the next 100 is in your hands. Come and be a part of the journey

KOC Meeting – The next KOC meeting will be at St. Patrick's Hall in N.E. Margaree at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of April (Apr. 9) because the first Thursday is Holy Thursday.

CWL Meeting – The next meeting will be held at the Margaree Meeting Place on Apr. 8 at 2 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

Kitchen Party at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Sat., Mar. 28 from 7-9. Join us for an evening of music and friendship in the kitchen. Adults: \$10. Tea/Coffee and cookies served.

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.

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 or (902)448-3660.

PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for March 2026 – *For disarmament and peace* – Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, Bob Fortune, Margaret Rose Fortune, Mary Murphy, Cathy Aucoin, Odette (Emile) LeBlanc, Marie Tompkins (Sydney), Ernie LeBlanc, Devon Chisholm, Marg Burton, Sadie Stockley, Isadore Murphy

and Eva Murphy. 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 Elizabeth Fortune-Thomas, cousin of Mary L. Burton, Donald & Sheila Fortune; Bernice MacPhail, sister-in-law of Margaret Rose Fortune; John Stewart, brother of the late Michael Stewart.

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.

Another 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 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: “To confess, then, is to praise and glorify God; it is an exercise in self-knowledge and true humility in the atmosphere of grace and reconciliation.” – Augustine of Hippo