

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Apr. 13, 2025

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

Please note: St. Patrick's Mass will be celebrated in the Church beginning Easter Sunday.

Weekday Masses: Please note: Mass on Tuesday will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.

Tues., Apr. 15 – St. Joseph's – 6:30 p.m. – Marie Welsh req. by Marie MacNeil

Wed., Apr. 16 – St. Michael's – 10 a.m. – Dougald MacLellan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crowdis

Thursday of the Last Supper, Apr. 17 – St. Michael's – 7 p.m. – Harold McLean req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Wall

Good Friday Service, Apr. 18 – St. Michael's – 3 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk: My dear friends in Christ,

The Church celebrates this Sunday both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus.....

Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week.

Today let us ask a few questions to ourselves. Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior, singing "Hosanna"? Today, we received palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them in some place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives.

Friends... Let us prioritize and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done this that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world. "As Christians we believe that Golgotha is not the end, but the Risen Lord will have the final word at the Last Judgment." Yes, Jesus' suffering is a living reality, but not the last word. Take home a blessed palm. It represents victory. That's our goal. "The Risen Lord will have the final word." Amen.

With prayers,

Fr. Silvichan, Dominic CFIC

MINISTRY

TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY

April 17 – Thursday of the Last Supper – St. Michael's – 7 p.m. with Adoration until 10 p.m.

April 18 – Friday of the Passion of Our Lord – St. Michael's – 3 p.m.

April 19 – Easter Vigil – St. Michael's – 9 p.m.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

St. Patrick’s – Sat., May 3 after the 6 p.m. Mass

St. Michael’s – Sun., May 25 at 2 p.m.

St. Michael’s AGM - Agenda items are being accepted for the AGM. Please forward to Al Cormier (from your Google contacts) alc7796@gmail.com

St. Michael’s Cemetery: As summer approaches, we remember our loved ones and how we will care for them as they rest peacefully in our cemetery. Our funds are limited: please consider making a donation towards the maintenance of their resting place, their "now" home. May they rest in peace. PLEASE NOTE: At time of burial, for non-practicing and non-contributing parishioners, there is a cemetery maintenance fee of \$500.00. Contact Anne LeBlanc (902-235-2064) for further information at that time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

All Women of the Three Parishes (Meeting Rescheduled) If you are 16 years of age or older, you are invited to join us at a meeting to discuss the formation of a new CWL Council for the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches (St. Joseph’s, St. Michael’s and St. Patrick’s) on April 13, 2025 from 2-4 pm at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sun., Apr. 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday.: Jesus, through his revelation to St. Faustina, promised that on Divine Mercy Sunday, the very depths of His tender mercy are opened. To receive this extraordinary grace, one must: Go to Confession; receive Holy Communion and trust in His Divine Mercy. Jesus promises complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Jesus also promises to pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of His Mercy. On Divine Mercy Sunday, a plenary indulgence is available for those who, in addition to the usual conditions (confession, communion, and prayer for the Pope), also devoutly recite the Our Father and the Creed before an image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus. This year the Divine Mercy Service will be at St. Michael’s. From 2-3 p.m., there will be Adoration and Confessions, and at 3 p.m. the Divine Mercy Service. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. There will be more details on the novena in next week’s bulletin.

Jubilee Year – The Pilgrim’s Way is a diocesan project for the Jubilee Year which highlights the Feast Day of various namesake churches and diocesan shrines and encourages pilgrims to visit churches in all areas of our diocese. Pilgrims are invited to visit each site on or near the feast day and any time throughout the year.

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”.

The Joint Finance Committee is looking for new members from each of the parishes. If you are interested, contact the Parish Office on Thursday or speak to a member of the committee or Parish Pastoral Council.

Development & Peace - Week 5: April 6 – Solidarity Sunday - This Lent, please give generously. Share Lent envelopes are in the bulletin this week. This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across**

the world. “As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all.” — The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru - Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

CWL/KOC NEWS

Knights CRIB GAMES are on Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall with 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, Even-split, Knights Jackpot and High Hand. Come enjoy a great game of cards with your friends.

Knights of Columbus Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner – Save the date – Sun., May 4. More details will follow.

OTHER NEWS

Save This Date! Please note the change. St. Patrick's CWL is hosting a special presentation on Sex Trafficking in our province and country on **Mon., May 5** at 7 p.m. at Cape Breton Highlands Academy. All interested people are urged to attend to become more aware of the scourge this is on our society. Who especially should attend? Those who should are mothers and grandmothers (fathers and grandfathers, too) of girls aged eleven and up! Please make an effort to attend.

Afternoon Tea, Anyone? - Gather a table of friends, invite a neighbour, call your cousins and sisters and join us for an afternoon tea at the Margaree Firehall on Monday, April 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Spend time celebrating each other while enjoying a great cup of tea or coffee with delightful sweets and delicate sandwiches. All we ask for admission is that you make a donation to our collection for the Canadian Cancer Society. Hope to see you there! Sponsored by the Margaree Kinettes.

Ring Found -A ring was found in St. Michael's Church after Effie Dunn's funeral, on the left side of the Church, around the 3rd Station. Contact Marie Hilda, 902-235-2944 if you lost yours.

PRAYERS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April – *for the use of the new technologies* – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

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, Christene Avery, Jessie Murphy, Hector LeBlanc, Ann Gillis, Rosita Gillis and Kathleen Deveau. If you are sick and would like your name in the Prayer Corner, please contact the Parish Office.

Advertising in the Church Bulletin: Contacts: Al Cormier – alc7796@gmail.com 705-788-4118 and David Howe – dpeh1954@gmail.com 902-224-1131