



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

Second Sunday of Lent, Mar. 1, 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 at 6:15 p.m. followed by Mass – Alex & Bell Murphy req. by the family

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

MINISTRY

From Bishop Kirkpatrick - I just learned that the two priests, Father Saju Joseph Thekanath, CFIC, and Father Kennedy Munachi Ibe, whom we expected to serve in our diocese, will not be coming. Both have received other assignments. We are expecting another CFIC priest to be assigned in the coming months.

I am pleased to announce that, effective Monday, April 6, 2026, Father David Rankin will be appointed Administrator of St. Michael, East Margaree; St. Patrick, North East Margaree; and St. Joseph, South, West Margaree. In the meantime, we thank Father Peter LeBlanc for his ongoing ministry in these parishes.

MEETINGS

The Finance Committee will meet on Tues., Mar. 10 at St. Patrick's at 7 p.m.

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

Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is a program of three sessions “designed to promote the Christian view of death both within and outside of the Christian community.... It is hoped that this program will be a means of outreach to a society that is in desperate need of Christian hope.” These sessions will be provided during Lent to all interested parishioners on three Saturday mornings (one to one and one half hours long, depending on the discussion). Session 1 – “Discussing Death and Dying; Session 2 – Suffering, Pain and End of Life; Session 3 – The Christian Duty to Care.” Preregistration is required because each participant will receive a manual. If you are interested, please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of each Church or call Cecile 902-248-2305 or Helena 902-235-2418 by **Mar. 1**. The first session will be on **Sat., Mar. 7 beginning at 10 a.m. with tea, coffee and muffins.**

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".

World Day of Prayer Service will take place on Fri., Mar. 6 at St. Patrick's Hall at 7 p.m. "The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday of March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the *Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada* and its counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries." - ORDO This year, the program has been developed by the women of Nigeria with the theme, "I will give you rest: Come".

Development & Peace's Share Lent - Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell - dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

CWL/KOC NEWS

What's Your CWL? POWER - Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us you will be part of the power of resolutions.

KOC Meetings – The next three KOC meetings will be at St. Patrick's Hall in N.E. Margaree on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The first meeting will be on Mar. 5.

CWL Meeting – The next meeting will be held at the Margaree Meeting Place on Mar. 11 at 2 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

Kitchen Party - Kitchen Party at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Sat., Feb. 28, 2026 from 7-9. Some new faces will be appearing in the kitchen. Adults: \$10 Under 16: \$5. Cookies and tea/coffee incl. Bring your toe tapping shoes and your singalong voices.

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.

Celebrating Heritage in our Margaree Communities - There will be an afternoon program at the Drs. Coady Tompkins Library on Wed., March 4 at 2 p.m.; sharing conversation on the various ways we hold onto our local history including digital music and photo collections, genealogy study and story writing. Discover, learn and celebrate together. This is a community program from ECRL. All are welcome.

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, Hector LeBlanc, 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 and Sadie Stockley. 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

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.

Collections for January 2026:

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$2 545; Loose - \$27; Initial - \$231; Ins. - \$520; New Year's - \$475

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$2 760; Loose - \$382; Christmas - \$380; New Year's - \$650; Initial - \$265; Ins. - \$595; E-transfers - \$300; Missals - \$10

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$2 770; Loose - \$46.48; Initial - \$90; Ins. - \$210; New Year's - \$160; Fuel - \$50; MFSS – St. Patrick's - \$100; other - \$200

Collections for February 2026:

St. Joseph's – Reg. - \$2 680; Loose - \$134; Initial - \$10; Fuel - \$500; Ins. - \$10; New Year's - \$50

St. Michael's – Reg. - \$3 351; Loose - \$347; Initial - \$10; New Year's - \$10; Fuel - \$770; Ins. - \$100; Children's Offering - \$7

St. Patrick's – Reg. - \$1 315; Loose - \$8; Fuel - \$80; Ins. – 10; donation - \$20; MFSS – St. Patrick's - \$40; other - \$1 000

Quote: “We shouldn't need to tell people we're Christian. It should be obvious, not by how we label ourselves, but by the lives we live.” – Matthew Warner