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Mission Statement: Open to God. Open to Others. Open to Transformation

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Nov. 9, 2025

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: NO public weekday Masses this week or the next. Fr. Silvan will be on retreat.

Memorial: Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor; Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day; Nov. 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

From the Pastor's Desk – (excerpts from Bishop Kirkpatrick's homily for All Souls' Day)

All Souls' Day 2025: A Catholic Response to MAiD

After celebrating All Saints, today we remember all the faithful departed and reflect on the mystery of death. For Christians, death is not the end but the beginning of new life with God. We pray for those who have gone before us, trusting in the promise of resurrection and the mercy of God, who purifies and welcomes souls into eternal life.

Scripture reminds us that the souls of the righteous are in God's hands, and that in Christ, death is conquered. In the Gospel, Jesus raises the young man at Nain, revealing His power over death and His compassion for the grieving. Our hope rests in Him, who is the resurrection and the life.

Yet today, our faith faces new challenges, especially with the growing acceptance of **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)**. Since 2016, nearly 77,000 Canadians have ended their lives through assisted death. What began for the terminally ill now includes those with disabilities, chronic illness, or mental suffering. This expansion raises profound moral and spiritual concerns, suggesting that suffering lives may lack value.

As Catholics, we affirm that every human life—regardless of age, health, or ability—is sacred. True mercy lies not in hastening death but in **accompanying the suffering with love, presence, and care**. Jesus Himself showed this compassion by comforting the sick and lonely, revealing that love—not death—is the answer to pain.

MAiD risks offering a false sense of mercy to those in despair and can separate individuals from the healing grace of the sacraments. The Church teaches that life is a sacred gift from God and must be protected from conception to natural death.

On this All Souls' Day, we pray for the departed and for all who suffer. Let us renew our commitment to a **culture of life**, rooted in hope, compassion, and the dignity of every person.

Our bishop has urged all parishioners to voice opposition to MAiD by writing to the Premier and local MLAs. Each parish has received information, sample letters, and materials titled *Hope. Compassion. Care: A Catholic Response to Medical Assistance in Dying*. (These were inserted in your bulletin last week.)

As we remember our loved ones, may we stand for life and witness to the hope of the resurrection.

Fr Silvichan Dominic

MINISTRY

MEETING.

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.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -The Feast of the dedication of the “mother and mistress of all churches” is a celebration of our participation, as Church, in Christ’s death and resurrection. – ORDO

Remembrance Day – Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God’s peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes. – ORDO

World Day of the Poor, Nov. 16, – In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that “throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s Charity for the least and those most in need.”

A Message from the Parish Pastoral Council - In an effort to engage our young children and their families more at Mass the Parish Pastoral Council will be slowly implementing new initiatives and engagement ideas. To that end, starting the first weekend of December a basket or container will be placed at the front of the altar. During the offertory we will welcome the children to come forward and bring some small coins, etc to place in this basket. This will be at all 3 churches. We want to encourage the children in our parish to be more engaged in the Mass and this will hopefully be one small way we can start that.

Parish Dinner -There will be a dinner for all parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parish on November 22 following the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please let Cathy 902-248-2610 or Mary 902-248-2317 know if you plan to attend by November 16. Please help spread the word to family and friends. Thank you.

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 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.

CWL/KOC NEWS

What’s Your CWL? – HUMANITY Love one another. Catholic Women’s League members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of injustice. Come share the love.

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.

OTHER NEWS

Development & Peace Prayer Walk (TURN DEBT into HOPE) - will take place beginning at St. Joseph's Hall from 12:45-1:45 p.m. on Nov. 16, World Day of the Poor. The Jubilee 2025 theme, Pilgrims of Hope, encourages all to walk to raise awareness of the debt crisis afflicting our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Come join the call to cancel the unjust debts of the Global South. There will be an opportunity to sign a petition at the Hall. In the event of rain, the walk will take place inside the Hall.

Craft Show – The Margaree Kinette Club Annual Christmas Craft Show will be held on Sunday, November 9 from 12-3 p.m. at the Margaree Forks Fire Hall. \$2 admission. There will be lots of local crafters on hand.

Baby Shower for the IWK - The Margaree Kinettes invite you to a baby shower in aid of the IWK Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on November 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Margaree Firefighters Club. Your donations will be used to purchase much needed items for the NICU. Lunch will be provided along with live music and door prizes. Thank you for your support.

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.

Wreath Making - There will be a wreath making workshop at St Joseph's Parish Hall on Dec. 6 beginning at 5 (after the 4 p.m. Mass). We will be serving homemade soup with biscuits and dessert during the workshop. All materials provided. Cost per person is \$25 and registration is required. Space is limited, please call Mary at 902-248-2317 to register.

Remembrance Ceremonies – S.W. Margaree – St. Joseph's Hall at 9 a.m.; St. Michael's/Calvin United – St. Michael's Church starting at 11 a.m. United Church/St. Patrick's – Cranton Crossroad Community Centre at 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.

PRAYERS

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.

Prayer Corner – Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Karen Baer, Jessie Murphy, Hector LeBlanc, Ann Gillis, Kathleen Deveau, 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.

Quote: “If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.” – St. Paul of the Cross

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