



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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 16, 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. Fr. Silvan will be on retreat.

Memorial: Nov. 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; Nov. 21 – The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

From the Pastor's Desk – Fr. Silvan is on retreat.

MINISTRY

MEETING.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tues., Nov. 25 after the 6:30 Mass at St. Joseph's.

World Youth Day, Nov. 23 – Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020, Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Nov. 23). "Young people must say to the world, 'It is good to follow Jesus!' You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis, ORDO)

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.

St. Michael's - We are most grateful to each one who contributed so generously to the All Souls' Day Cemetery fund. We realized \$710.00 towards the maintenance of the "home" of our dearly beloved. May they rest in peace! – St. Michael's Cemetery Committee

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? – HUNDREDS OF RESOLUTIONS - Over its history Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some have become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

St. Patrick's CWL – 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. The CWL Christmas Party will take place on Wed., Dec. 10 with a short Advent Prayer Service, pot luck meal, exchange of gifts and more!

CWL Memorial Service – The annual memorial service for deceased members will be held on Wed., Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Family members of deceased members are encouraged to come and join us in this time of remembrance.

OTHER NEWS

Development & Peace Prayer Walk (TURN DEBT into HOPE) – "More than 3.3 billion people live in countries that are spending more on debt payments than on health or education, standing in the way of sustainable development. In many countries, debt repayments far outweigh spending on climate action and addressing the impacts of the climate crisis. For heavily indebted countries, public debt has grown so large that repayment is impossible, burdening future generations.

"Meanwhile, wealthy countries, including Canada, and corporations exploit resources from heavily indebted countries and from indigenous communities causing human rights violations and severe ecological harm. This creates an 'ecological debt' owed to those countries and to indigenous peoples. This can change. Public, private and multilateral creditors must cancel or reduce debts, and political leaders must support a multilateral framework for debt resolution. This would be a transformative shift for billions of people, moving us from a model focused on profit and enriching creditors to one that prioritizes a just society, centering people and the planet." – taken from the introduction to the petition "Jubilee 2025 – Turn Debt into Hope". Please sign the petition found in our three Churches.

The Prayer Walk 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 this 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 the petition at the Hall. In the event of rain, the walk will take place inside the Hall.

Kitchen Party - We're having another Kitchen Party at St. Michael's Hall on Sat., Nov 29 from 7-9 p.m. Join us for an enjoyable evening of music, friendship and goodies. Tea/coffee and cookies included in the price of admission which is \$10 per adult, \$5 under 16 yr. of age. We are pleased to welcome some great musicians for their first time in the kitchen. Help us kick off the holiday season in style.

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.

The ICMH Christmas Tea & Sale - The ICMH Auxiliary will be holding its Christmas Tea and Sale on Sunday, November 30, 2025 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Inverness Legion. The Tea is sit-down or take-out - \$5.00/person. Craft items, gently used jewellery and baked goods are welcome donations from the Margaree communities. Items for the bake table can be delivered to Therese Doucet before 10:30 a.m. on the 30th. For craft donations, contact Eileen Coady or Helena Hart. Tea tickets are available in the East Margaree / Fordview area by calling Anne LeBlanc or Angie Kelly. 50 / 50 tickets will be sold at the Co op on November 21 and 26. The Auxiliary appreciates your support and hopes to see you at the Tea and Sale on the 30th.

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.

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: “Charity is that with which no [person] is lost, and without which no [person] is saved.”
– St. Charles Borromeo

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