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<p><b>MASS TIMES FOR ST. MARY'S, BLENHAIM</b></p> <p>WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday to Friday at 8am</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday at 5pm Sunday at 10:30am</p> <p>SUMMER MASSES St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau Saturday at 3:45pm May to September</p>	<p><b>MASS TIMES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S, RIDGETOWN</b></p> <p>WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday at 5pm Sept to May Sunday at 9 &amp; 11am</p> <p>SUMMER MASSES St. Gabriel's, Rondeau Saturday at 5pm May to September</p>	<p><b>MASS TIMES FOR ST. PAUL'S, THAMESVILLE</b></p> <p>WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday at 6:30pm Thursday at 6:30pm Saturday at 8:30am</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday at 7pm Sunday at 8:30am</p>
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**FEBRUARY 2ND, 2020 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Please Pray for Healing:** Carolyn Malic (T), Max Connolly, brother of Linda Burk (B), Nicholas (B), Germaine Pynenbrouck (R), Connie Murray (B), Andrea Pike (R), Michelle MacLean (B), Marcel deWit (R), Irene Stepniak (R), Art Tremblay (B), Lena Mazan (R), Roger DeCock (B), Antoinette Lauzon (B), Sylvain Bilodeau (B), Ruth Demaiter (T), Denise DeWitte (B), Frank Slemensky (B), Diana and Dennis Klodt (B), Tony Driessen (B), John Irving (B), Bessie Kominek (R), Dr. Janet (Vlasschaert) McElhaney (B), Lorraine McIntosh, Gerry Willemsen (B), Jim Clark (R), Bill Van Loon (B), Lorraine Trinacty (B), Harry Wijsman (R), Leatha Burke (R) and all others in our parish who need prayers.

**Please Pray for the Deceased:** Please pray for those who have died, Mary Kormendy, Wilma Hummel, and for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Rev. Sekar Raj; Mrs. Maija Wilson, Campus Minister; Rev. Gilbert Simard; Mrs. Rachelle Leslie, Pastoral Minister; Ministers to the Bereaved in the Diocese of London; Deacon Ronald Vermette; Mrs. Rita Butler, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**\*\*The Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at 10am for St. Mary's & St. Michael's and Tuesday at 11am for St. Paul's\*\***  
Please phone the parish office concerning the Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Communion visits.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Half hour before all Weekend Masses or by appointment  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Please phone the parish office at least six months before your planned wedding date.

**COMMUNITY VILLAGE MASSES:**

Mass is held every second Friday of every month at 10am at Blenheim Community Village, and every second Tuesday of every month at 10am at the Ridgetown Village. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**FOOD BANKS HOURS AND LOCATIONS:**

<p><b>BLENHAIM FOOD BANK</b> Blenheim Baptist Church, 24 Talbot St. E. Wed. 1pm-4pm, Thurs. 1pm-4pm</p>	<p><b>RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK</b> Salvation Army, 18 Main St. 519-674-3765 Tues. &amp; Fri. 10am-4pm, Wed. &amp; Thurs. 10am-12pm</p>	<p><b>THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK</b> Thamesville United Church, 107 Elizabeth St.</p>
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**FOOD BANKS:**

A basket is available at St. Mary's for anyone wishing to drop off donations for the Blenheim Food Bank for distribution to those in need. There is a cubby by the driveway at Thamesville United Church, open 24/7. Take only what you need. If you are able to help with donations, please bring to the front entrance of the United Church Monday through Friday.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPONSORS OF THIS BULLETIN**

**Presentation of the Lord**

*"The Lord of hosts, He is King of glory."*

St. Mary's Mass Intentions February 4th - February 9th, 2020	
Tue	8:00am - +Moe Rooms
Wed	8:00am - +Frank and Frances Novosad 8:00am - Int. of John and Adelaide Vercouteren - Wedding Anniversary
Thu	8:00am - +Mary Kormendy
Fri	8:00am - +Charles and Mary Remsik
Sat	5:00pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30am - For Our Parish Family

St. Michael's Mass Intentions February 4th - February 9th, 2020	
Tues	8:30 am - †Gerard Daniels
Wed	8:30 am - Capuchin Inteniton
Thurs	8:30 am - †William Wood (5th Anniversary)
Fri	8:30 am - †Jure Banovic
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	9:00 am - For Our Parish Family 11:00am - For Our Parish Family

St. Paul's Mass Intentions February 4th - February 9th, 2020	
Tues	6:30 pm - †Maurice & Andrienne Verstraete
Thurs	6:30 pm - †Jeanne Casier 6:30 pm - Intentions of Gideon Bouquez
Sat	8:30 am - Maurice Lesy
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - CARITAS CANADA**

Development and peace - Caritas Canada invites you to participate in its Share Lent 2020 workshop! Come and discover how to enrich your Lenten experience by discovering how to get closer to God while getting closer to His Creation and His People around the world. Our campaign "FOR OUR COMMON HOME" invites you to discover the Amazon rainforest and our incredible partners who fight to protect it. Our workshop will be in Chatham on February 7 at St Agnes Church Hall, 52 Croydon Street. 6 p.m: Registration and lasagna supper followed by the workshop at 7 p.m. All welcomed.



**YOU ASKED:**

*What does the Church teach us about Cremation?*

The experience of death is one which touches the lives of every person. As Christians, we look to Christ, to our faith and to the Church as sources of hope and consolation, courage, meaning and peace. When a death takes place, a number of decisions are made which require much discernment and pastoral care. Among these are the funeral rites and the disposition of the remains. As an alternative to a traditional burial, in Canada, cremation has been permitted for Catholics for a number of years now. Most recently, in December 2017 the congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, acknowledging a pastoral need, granted permission for cremation.

**CHOIR WORKSHOP**

The Holy Spirit works within each of us to bring the word of God alive at each and every mass we celebrate. As ministers of the sung word, creating an experience for prayer, reflection, celebration and discipleship are key. On February 24th at 7 pm in St Mary's Church, Helene and Denise will lead an evening of song and discussion of liturgical preparation with refreshments to follow. To register, please contact your parish office no later than February 13 so sheet music can be ordered.

Father Richard Saldanha served for 8 years in our diocese. We keep the memory of Fr. Richard alive through the Madonna Missions in India, an outreach he started, which continues, thanks to the people of Chatham Kent who support the annual dinner/Auction in Alvinston each year. There will be a special Mass to mark the Tenth Anniversary of Father Richard Saldanha's passing on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00pm in St. Ursula's Church Chatham. Coffee and sharing to follow Mass.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

Walk in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother in Lourdes and join in pilgrims from all over the world on the day of the Sixth apparition in Fatima. Pray at the Basilica of St. Therese in Lesieux, the Monastery of the Incarnation, and the convent of St. Teresa in Avilla. See the most vibrant European capitals like Paris and Lisbon!!! New Prices. For more information and to register, talk to Father John.

**COR**

Are you a high school student? Would you like to get away for a weekend, make new friends and become closer to God? Then COR is for you! COR stands for Christ In Others Retreat and is a weekend for youth to develop their Catholic faith, share with others, enjoy music, develop better relationships with family and have FUN! Simply apply online at [tinyurl.com/cor2020](http://tinyurl.com/cor2020). For more information call Ed & Tina Pumfrey 519-355-8223. Applications must be submitted by February 14th.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Date	Time	Function	Location
Feb 3	9:00am	Burden Bears	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 4	2:00pm	St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary meeting	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 4	4:00pm	St. Mary's Choir Practice	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 5	4:00pm	Confirmation classes	St. Anne's School, Blenheim
Feb 6	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus meeting	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 7	9am-11:30am	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Feb 7	10:00am	Communion Visits	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Feb 7	3:30-4:30pm	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Feb 8	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Feb 9	9:30am	Confirmation classes	St. Paul's, Thamesville

**ST. PAUL'S**

St. Paul's office will be closed: January 30 – February 10, 2020.

**ST. MARY'S LADIES AUXILIARY**

Just a reminder that if you have not already paid your \$20.00 dues, they are now due. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Come spend some time with the Lord on Friday February 7th. Adoration will begin in St. Michael's after morning Mass and will end with prayers at 11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church to ensure someone is present throughout the day. St. Mary's Eucharistic Adoration will be from 3:30-4:30pm.



**ST. PAUL'S**

Confirmation for St. Paul's will be Sun. Apr. 19, during the 8:30am Mass. Confirmation classes have started and are held in the hall at St. Paul's from 9:30-10:30am on Sundays after Mass.

**ST. MICHAEL'S SCHEDULES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The new schedules for Ushers, Lectors and Auxiliary Ministers of Holy Communion will be made up during the month of February. If there is anyone currently on these lists that is unable to volunteer, please let the secretary know as soon as possible. If the secretary has not heard from you by phone or email by February 7th, it will be assumed that you wish to remain on the list. New volunteers for all of these positions are also needed. Thank you.

**CWL AND CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN**

During the year 2020, St. Michael's CWL will be collecting body/facial bar soap and powdered or bar laundry soap to assist the poor in underdeveloped countries. Soap decreases skin infections, diarrhea and pneumonia. Our CWL works closely with CFFC. Please refrain from liquid laundry soap, as they do not have recycling available. Laundry soap is available in bar soap or powdered detergent locally. Also if you have any unused binders in good condition, they can also be placed in the bin at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

**January 25th and 26th, 2020**

**St. Mary's**

Offertory - \$1,703.55; Restoration Fund - \$817.00  
Initial Offering - \$25.00; Fuel - \$50.00  
St. Vincent de Paul - \$253.00

**St. Michael's Collections**

Offertory - \$1,740.40  
Initial Offering - \$5.00; Fuel - \$10.00  
St. Vincent de Paul - \$235.00

**St. Paul's Collections**

Offertory - \$637.00; Renovations - \$205.00  
St. Vincent de Paul - \$50.00; Initial Offering - \$5.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT CARD PARTY**

The next Knights of Columbus District card party will be held at St Michael's Parish hall on Friday, February 7th starting at 7PM

**ST. MICHAEL'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Ridgetown Knights of Columbus will be holding a Sunday Brunch on Sunday, Feb 9th starting at 10AM till 12:30PM. The proceeds will be used to support community needs and will be a free will offering.



**BAPTISMS**



Welcome Reese Barker and Henry Robert Taylor, who were baptized in the South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes. May God continue to bless you and your family.

**Youth Corner!!**

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St. Paul would say to Timothy: "Let no man despise your youth; but you be an example to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). It strikes us that whereas our youth can be quite impetuous and sometimes a bit silly, they are, nonetheless, a wonderful resource in the kingdom of heaven. The fact is, the Bible is replete with examples of how God has used younger people in the unfolding of his marvelous plan of redemption.