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FOOD BANKS HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

BLenheim FOOD BANK
Blenheim Baptist Church,
24 Talbot St. E.
Wed. 1pm-4pm, Thurs. 1pm-4pm

RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK
Salvation Army,
18 Main St. 519-674-3765
Tues. & Fri. 10am-4pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-12pm

THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK
Thamesville United Church,
107 Elizabeth St.

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.

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MASS TIMES FOR ST. MARY'S, BLenheim

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday to Friday at 8am

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 10:30am

SUMMER MASSES
St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau
Saturday at 3:45pm
May to September

MASS TIMES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S, RIDGETOWN

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 5pm Sept to May
Sunday at 9 & 11am

SUMMER MASSES
St. Gabriel's, Rondeau
Saturday at 5pm
May to September

MASS TIMES FOR ST. PAUL'S, THAMESVILLE

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 6:30pm
Thursday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 7pm
Sunday at 8:30am

MARCH 8TH, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Pray for Healing: Ray Breault (R), Sandra Sonneveld, sister of Randy Sterling (B), 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, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith; Deacon Andre Dedecker; Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Victor Salazar; Rev. Gerard Bedard; Rev. Joseph Kannath; Mrs. Alice Chinnick, Catechist

****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.

2nd Sunday in Lent

"Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you."

St. Mary's Mass Intentions March 10th - March 15th, 2020

Tue	8:00am - +Herman Kempe
Wed	8:00am - +Paul Kluka
Thu	8:00am - +Asher Kirkwood
Fri	8:00am - +Annie Myslik
	10:00am - Blenheim Community Village Mass - Capuchin Intention
Sat	5:00pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30am - For Our Parish Family

St. Michael's Mass Intentions March 10th - March 15th, 2020

Tues	10:00 am - Village Mass - †Ida Goodreau
Wed	8:30 am - †Jure Banovic
Thurs	8:30 am - Int of Chelsea Eade (Birthday)
Fri	8:30 am - Intentions of a parishioner
	8:30 am - In appreciation for all the prayers from all parishioners and blessings from Fr John Comiskey
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 March 10th- March 15th, 2020

Tues	6:30 pm - †Doug & Edith Gillier
Thurs	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am - †Iona Curran
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Weekly wish list for Lent:

Week 1: sugar, salt, vegetable oil (plastic bottle or tin cans), peanut butter (plastic container), pasta, crackers, and Canadian Tire money (used for buying building and sports equipment). Good used bicycles, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches are always needed.

Week 2: Gently used or new sheets (all sizes), pillowcases, blankets, towels, soap, (bar/laundry), knitting or sewing supplies (material, thread scissors, etc) candles (even partial used), and Canadian Tire money (used for buying building and sports equipment). Good used bicycles, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches are always needed.



SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF LENT...

- Where is a place that God feels most present to you?
- Who is a person of faith that you look up to and inspires you?
- Why do some people find it so hard to trust God's plan with their lives?
- What is one goal you have to strengthen you have your relationship with God?
- What is one song that has really impacted your faith journey?
- What is a book that has greatly impacted your faith?
- When you think about reading the bible, what is the first feeling that comes to mind?

2020 SHARE LENT: MARCH 29, 2020

March 8 – International Women's Day - Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod. Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples." Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. On this International Women's Day, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica's testimony at devp.org/campaign/yesica.

SPECIAL LENTEN HAPPENINGS

Communal Penitential Service - Sun, March 29 at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Church, Chatham

Day of Confession Wednesday April 1

St. Mary's - 9-11am and 7-9pm

St. Michael's - 9-11am and 2-4pm

St. Paul's - 2-4pm and 7-9pm

Stations of the Cross:

St. Mary's

March 13 - 7pm - Pastoral Council

March 20 - 7pm - (to be announced)

March 27 - 7pm - R.C.I.A.

April 3 - 7pm - Cursillo

St. Michael's

March 13 - 7pm - Morning Coffee Group

March 20 - 7pm - Knights of Columbus

March 27 - 7pm - Catholic Women's League

April 3 - 7pm - St. Michael's School

St. Paul's

Each Friday during Lent at 7pm (leaders to be announced)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Function	Location
Mar 9	6:30pm	St. Michael's CWL meeting	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 10	all day	Parish offices will be closed for Secretaries Workshop	
Mar 10	10:00am	Ridgetown Village Mass	Villa on the Ridge, Ridgetown
Mar 10	3:30pm	St. Mary's Choir Practice	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 11	9:30am	St. Paul's CWL meeting	Fast & Fresh Restaurant, Thamesville
Mar 11	4:00pm	Confirmation classes	St. Anne's School, Blenheim
Mar 12	11:30am	Lenten Luncheon	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 12	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus meeting	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 12	7:00pm	1st Reconciliation classes	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Mar 13	10:00am	Blenheim Community Village Mass	Blenheim Community Village
Mar 13	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	All three parishes
Mar 14	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville

ST. PAUL'S CWL

The CWL will be collecting baby items for Right to Life. They have an extreme need for Premie clothing; size 3,4, & 5 diapers; newborn, 9 and 12 month boys and girls onesies; baby lotions, shampoos, wipes etc. Please place items in basket provided.

LENTE LUNCHES

The 36th Annual Lenten Lunches are taking place again this year on Thursdays at 11:30am. The cost is \$7.00/person, \$8.00 if take out, and children \$3.00

Our guest speakers this year are:

- Mar. 12- Pastor Bill Terris, Blenheim Baptist Church
- Mar. 19 - Pastor Wanda Burse, Blenheim Community Village Chaplain & Rural United Pastoral Charge
- Mar. 26 - Pastor Tim Luimes, Blenheim Christian Reformed Church
- Apr. 2 - Pastor Johnny Washington, Shrewsbury Baptist

St. Anne School is participating in a Farm to School Program. Starting March 23rd, each Monday fresh fruit and vegetables will be delivered to our school for 10 weeks. We are in need of volunteers to wash/prepare the fruits and vegetables. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Donna Cook, 519-676-7352 (school), 519-674-1417 (home). Thank you!

ST. PAUL'S EASTER FLOWERS

St. Paul's will once again be taking donations towards our Easter Flowers. Please include your name and the name(s) of those you wish remembered, along with your donation, in an envelope marked "flowers". Please have donations in by Mar. 28/29 in order to have the names in our Easter bulletin.

ST. MICHAEL'S EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers are available for purchase in memory of loved ones for Easter this year. Easter Lilies are \$12.00 and Hydrangeas are \$30.00 and come in blue, pink or white. Please call the office with your request or place your request in the offertory in an envelope clearly marked with what you wish.

February 29th and March 1st, 2020

St. Mary's

Offertory - \$2,497.00; Restoration Fund - \$80.00
St. Vincent de Paul - \$25.00; Christmas - \$20.00

St. Michael's Collections

Offertory - \$2,144.00; Restoration Fund - \$1,266.10
St. Vincent de Paul - \$70.00

St. Paul's Collections

Offertory - \$1,052.00; Renovations - \$70.00;
St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00

Thank you for your support!

*Could envelope use #469 please include your name on the next envelope or call St. Paul's office to be sure you get credit for your donation. Thank you.

ANNUAL BELGIAN DUTCH FIESTA

SUNDAY, April 19, 2020

At St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim

Dancing 2 - 6pm Dinner 6:15pm

Tickets are \$35.00 per person, available from

Lasting Memories - 519-676-0530,

Kathy Kresan - 519-676-2905,

Annie Timmermans - 519-360-7444 or

Parish Office - 519-676-2025

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL

There will be a CWL meeting this Monday, March 9th beginning at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend!

Youth Corner!!

So let us not grow weary doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give. So then, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:9



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26 February 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and fill the hearts of your people
with an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples (Year of Prayer)*

On Pentecost Sunday 2019, we began a Year of Prayer for our entire diocese which will conclude at our celebration of Pentecost on 31 May 2020. I asked that together we take this year to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we might have "an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples".

Over the past few months, it has been gratifying for me, as your bishop, to see many signs of new life and hope, as our parishes take to heart this call for renewal. I met a woman who completed Alpha in her parish. She spoke to me of the excitement she now has about her faith. A man, who is going to be a sponsor of one of the candidates for confirmation, told me about the program his parish just introduced. He is eager to participate in the program because it has renewed him in the faith he has practised since childhood. Bishop Dabrowski and I had a meal with the facilitators of the "Moments of Encounter" which were offered in many of our Families of Parishes. They spoke to us of the positive response to these retreat days. People wanted to gather to pray and reflect on their faith. They witnessed a real hunger among our people to grow in their faith.

I am very encouraged by these testimonies. They are, I believe, fruits of our Year of Prayer.

As we move through this Year of Prayer, I want to draw your attention to the seasons of Lent and Easter and the special opportunities they offer us.

During the Season of Lent, our parishes have missions and special devotions, such as Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration. Our ethnic communities have brought us rich traditions for the 40 days of Lent. These practices help us hear Jesus' call to a conversion of heart: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Make a special effort to link these practices to our Year of Prayer and the prayer of our diocese that we may have "an ardent desire to follow Jesus".

During the Easter Season, we celebrate with great joy Jesus' resurrection and the new life he bestows on us in Baptism. The Scripture readings for the Sunday and weekday Masses highlight the presence of the Holy Spirit working powerfully in the early disciples and are an inspiration for us as we seek to be disciples of Jesus in our everyday lives.

The Easter Season ends in May, the month we have traditionally called Mary's month. Our parishes, schools and families make use of many Marian devotions. The Rosary, for example, helps us reflect with Mary on the great mysteries of our faith. Mary is the *first* disciple, our model of the true disciple of Jesus. In her Magnificat, Mary rejoices and proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Through Mary's intercession, may we be missionary disciples who boldly proclaim the Gospel by our words and deeds, by speaking to others about our faith in Jesus, by inviting them to encounter Jesus in their lives, and by reaching out to the poor and marginalized in our communities.

Mary was perplexed by the words spoken to her by the angel, but she believed and gave her "yes" to God. As a diocese, we have embarked on a journey to answer Jesus' call to us to be his missionary disciples. We do not know exactly what this call will mean and what it will demand of us. In this Year of Prayer, I believe we are being called to place our trust in God. May we be inspired by Mary's example, and may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and guide us on our journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

