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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, Ericau
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
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

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Pray for Healing: Sam Telford (T), John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Betty DeBrouwer (B), Wendy Vercooteren (B), Art Kemp brother of Jeff Kemp (R), Carolyn Malic (T), Cathy Taylor (R), Peggy Vlasschaert Hart (B), Sister Emerita, Cheryl Ann Fisher (T), Linda Burk (B), Andrea Pike (R), Ray Breault (R), Sandra Sonneveld, sister of Randy Sterling (B), Max Connolly (B), Germaine Pynenbrouck (R), Connie Murray (B), Michelle MacLean (B), Irene Stepniak (R), Art Tremblay (B), Lena Mazan (R), Ruth Demaiter (T), Denise DeWitte (B), Frank Slemensky (B), Bill Van Loon (B), Lorraine Trinacty (B), Leatha Burke (R), and all others in our parish who need prayers.

Please Pray for the Deceased: Please pray for those who have died, Martin VanHeesch, Colton Srokosz, and Frances Gazarek, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Mrs. Christine Yeumans, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon Fred Truchon; Rev. Louis Mousseau, OFM Cap; Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Robert Champagne; Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam

****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.

Peace and goodness to all

Advent is my favorite time of the year. Why? I love the readings during Mass, the sights and sounds of the season as we approach Christmas, but most of all, it is a season of hope. The first candle of the advent wreath is named hope. At this time when the weather turns cold and the nights are darker, especially during the pandemic, it is wonderful to have a sense of hope. *Hope* that no matter what happens God will be there for us and *hope* that we will draw closer to God during this time of year. Have a wonderful advent and God bless you all.

Fr John

You can visit our website at <https://southkentcatholicfamilyofparishes.ca/> for updates and the bulletin (*be sure to click on the date at the left of the page to see the full bulletin*). Sunday Mass at 11am is available by clicking on the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link.

And don't forget to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/skrcfamily>

**St. Mary's Mass Intentions
December 1st - December 6th, 2020**

Tue 8:00am - Capuchin Intention
Wed 8:00am - Souls in Purgatory
Thu 8:00am - Capuchin Intention
Fri 8:00am - †Tony Driessen
Sat 5:00pm - For our Parish Family
Sun 10:30am - For our Parish Family

**St. Michael's Mass Intentions
December 1st - December 6th, 2020**

Tue 8:30 am - †Steve Mazan
Wed 8:30 am - †Regina Innocenzi
Thu 8:30 am - †Joanne Monden
Fri 8:30 am - †Tori & Rachel Carnegie
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
December 1st - December 6th, 2020**

Tues 6:30 pm - †Margaret DeClerk
Thurs 6:30 pm - †Gertrude Ostrander
Sat 8:30 am - †Rodger & Cathie Luxton
Sat 7:00 pm - For our Parish Family
Sun 8:30 am - For our Parish Family

****MASKS**** Please be advised that it is mandated by the Province of Ontario and Chatham Kent that masks **MUST** be worn in all public places. Please remember that Church is a public place.

EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION

I, Bishop Fabbro, am hereby extending the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, including the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and Mary, Mother of God, until Easter. It seems unlikely that our situation with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic will change in the near future.
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

★ **GENERAL ABSOLUTION** ★

There will be a general absolution service at all three parishes during December. St. Mary's will be at 7pm on Dec 4th, St. Michael's will be at 2pm on Dec 5th, and St. Paul's will be at 2pm on Dec. 12th

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Dec 24

4:30pm - Christmas Mass - St. Mary's, Blenheim
7:00pm - Christmas Mass - St. Mary's, Blenheim
9:30pm - Midnight Mass - St. Mary's, Blenheim
5:00pm - Christmas Mass - St. Michael's, Ridgetown
11:00pm - Midnight Mass - St. Michael's, Ridgetown
7:00pm - Christmas Mass - St. Paul's, Thamesville
12:00am - Midnight Mass - St. Paul's, Thamesville

Christmas Day Dec 25

10:30am - Mass - St. Mary's, Blenheim
10:00am - Mass - St. Michael's, Ridgetown
8:30am - Mass - St. Paul's, Thamesville

New Year's Eve Dec 31

6:30pm - Mass - St. Paul's, Thamesville

New Year's Day Jan 1

10:30am - Mass - St. Mary's, Blenheim
10:00am - Mass - St. Michael's, Ridgetown

1st Sunday of Advent

"Restore us O God, let your face shine that we may be saved."

MISSALS

The 2020/2021 missals are available for purchase for \$5.00 at the back of the Church at St. Michael's and St. Paul's and in the lobby at St. Mary's. Please bring exact money, no change will be available. Missals will only be available until December 6th. **Please remember to social distance when picking up your missal and touch only what you are taking.**

1ST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Our grade two children along with their parents will be starting classes this upcoming week. Classes will be at 7pm in the respective Churches - St. Michael's will be on Tuesdays, St. Paul's on Wednesdays and St. Mary's on Thursdays. Please keep these families in your prayers as they begin this very important journey of faith.

ST. MARY'S LECTORS

Please contact Joanne Jones if you have any special requests for the next four months, as she prepares the January - April 2021 Lectors' Schedule.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

St. Paul's will once again be collecting for our Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one(s). If you wish to make a donation, place your donation, your name and the name (s) you wish to have remembered, in an envelope marked "flowers". Names will be needed by December 13 in order to have a list ready for our Christmas bulletin.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flowers may be purchased in memory of a loved one to be placed in our Church for Christmas. Red poinsettias in 4" pots for \$10.00, or Red, White, or Pink poinsettias in 6" pots for \$20.00. Purchases may be made by contacting the parish office, or by putting your request with all information enclosed in the collection basket in a "Flowers" marked envelope. All names will be printed in our Christmas bulletin. The deadline is December 13th.

ST. MICHAEL'S WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

White Gift Sunday will be held on the weekend of Dec 6th. The Salvation Army informed us that they are unable to have a food/toy collection this year for Christmas since they are only able to have one volunteer at a time, which makes it impossible to sort. Instead, they are asking for Foodland or The Bargain Shop cards which will be given to families. Please be generous to those in need this season.

Stewardship - A Way of Life - Sharing God's Gifts
Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breathtaking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time to pray—to sharpen our vision of God's presence in our daily lives.

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2020

St. Michael's: Offertory \$1,110.00

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 22ND, 2020

St. Mary's: Offertory \$1,195.00

St. Michael's: Offertory \$1,495.00

St. Paul's: Offertory \$311.00

Thank you to all who continue to support our Parish, both spiritually and financially.

To receive a tax receipt for 2020, donations must be received by December 31st.

ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00pm, in the rectory basement.

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL

Membership dues are only \$25.00 annually. Please use the grey envelope dated Nov. 1, 2020, which can be found with your weekly offering envelopes, or put your money in a plain envelope marked CWL Membership and place it in the collection basket.

ST. MARY'S LADIES AUXILIARY

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary dues are \$20.00 and are now due. You may use the envelope in the box of offertory envelopes, and drop it in the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office - St. Mary's Church, 95 Marlborough St. N., Blenheim, ON, N0P 1A0. Thank you!

ST. PAUL'S CWL

St. Paul's CWL's dues are now due, \$20 each. Please put in an envelope marked "to CWL" and place in the collection basket, or, mail to church office - St. Paul's Church, Box 40, Thamesville, Ont., N0P 2K0
Or Call Lorraine Shaw at: 519-350-8979

ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's will once again be having a "giving tree" this year, gifts going to the Chatham Kent children's centre. Please take a tag, remembering your social distancing, place your tag on your un-wrapped gift and place in the box provided.

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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:

BLENHAIM 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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