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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  
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

**DECEMBER 13TH, 2020**

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Please Pray for Healing:** Frank Vercouteren (R), Sam Telford (T), John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Betty DeBrouwer (B), Wendy Vercouteren (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, and for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, OFM Cap; Deacon Brian MacDonald; Ministers to Migrant Workers in the Diocese of London; Rev. Augustine Ogundele; Deacon Daniel Lemire

**\*\*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.

Joy, joy, joy! Today, the third Sunday of Advent is all about joy. That is why we light the pink candle this weekend. But what is joy? For me joy is that inner feeling that all is well even though it may not seem so at the moment. Joy is knowing that Christmas is coming soon. We remember the joy Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her. God wants us to have joy which is not the same as happiness, because joy comes from God, and only God can fill us with joy. Have a great third week of Advent thanking God for his gifts.

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 15th - December 20th, 2020**

Tue 8:00am - Int of Margie and Dan Mahoney  
 Wed 8:00am - †Frances Elizabeth Gazarek  
 Thu 8:00am - †Tony Driessen  
 Fri 8:00am - †Robert & Georgette Van Slembrouck  
 and Janice Gardiner  
 8:00am - Deceased Balog Family members  
 Sat 5:00pm - For our Parish Family  
 Sun 10:30am - For our Parish Family

**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

**St. Michael's Mass Intentions**

**December 15th - December 20th, 2020**

Tue 8:30 am - †Rene Ouellette  
 Wed 8:30 am - †Melonia Lariviere  
 8:30 am - Int of Kyle Lariviere  
 Thu 8:30 am - †Joe and Paul DeCock  
 8:30 am - Int of Soraya (Birthday)  
 Fri 8:30 am - Int of Bryden Benoot (Birthday)  
 8:30 am - †Sid Copeland  
 Sat 5:00 pm - For our Parish Family  
 Sun 9:00 am - For our Parish Family  
 11:00am - For our Parish Family

**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

**St. Paul's Mass Intentions**

**December 15th - December 20th, 2020**

Tues 6:30 pm - †Margaret DeClerk  
 Thurs 6:30 pm - †Tom Farrell  
 Sat 8:30 am - Capuchin Intention  
 Sat 7:00 pm - For our Parish Family  
 Sun 8:30 am - For our Parish Family

**\*\*\*Attendance for Christmas and New Years Masses will be on a first come basis, so be sure to be early to get your seat\*\*\***

**\*\*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.

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

*"My soul shall exalt in my God!"*

#### MISSALS AND ENVELOPES

The 2020/2021 missals are available for purchase for \$5.00 from the parish offices.

2021 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of the church at St. Michael's and St. Paul's and in the lobby at St. Mary's.

**Please remember to social distance and touch only your envelopes.**

#### 1ST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Our grade two children along with their parents have started classes. 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.



### Stewardship - A Way of Life - Sharing God's Gifts

*Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption.*

*We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.*

#### OFFERTORY DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

*St. Mary's:* Offertory N/A

*St. Michael's:* Offertory \$2,989.00

*St. Paul's:* Offertory \$990.00

*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.

#### BLenheim EMERGENCY WARMING CENTRE

In Blenheim, the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church, 286 Catherine St., will be serving as an Emergency Warming Centre during extreme cold weather warnings issued by the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit. There is an immediate need for on-call volunteers to supervise the facility, make coffee, tea, etc. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

#### ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE

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:**

<p><b>BLENHEIM 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.

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