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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

Visit our website at <https://southkentcatholicfamilyofparishes.ca/>
and click on the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link to view Mass that will be livestreamed from
St. Michael's on Sundays at 11am.

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Pray for Healing: Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, Sam Telford (T), John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Betty DeBrouwer (B), Art Kemp brother of Jeff Kemp (R), Cathy Taylor (R), 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), Lena Mazan (R), Ruth Demaiter (T), Denise DeWitte (B), Frank Slemensky (B), Bill Van Loon (B), Lorraine Tri-nacty (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, for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Deacon Steve Cartier; Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister; Rev. John Pirt; Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevicius; Deacon Paul James; Deacon Dominic Vu; Rev. Phill Guimaraes

****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.

Dear Pilgrims on the journey,

Peace and goodness. Where does time go. It is hard to believe we are in the second week of Lent. I still am thinking of Christmas. However, Lent is here. Let us use this time wisely. The journey of Lent is about traveling into ourselves and seeing where we can improve our relationship with God and neighbour. Lent is a time of grace, let us take advantage of it. May God bless you this Lent and know that the churches are open! Please come back so we can celebrate together.

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>

EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION

Since the effects of the pandemic continue in our daily lives, as well as the need for wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing, Bishop Fabbro hereby extends the dispensation from Sunday obligation until the end of the Easter Season; that is, up to and including Pentecost Sunday.

****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.

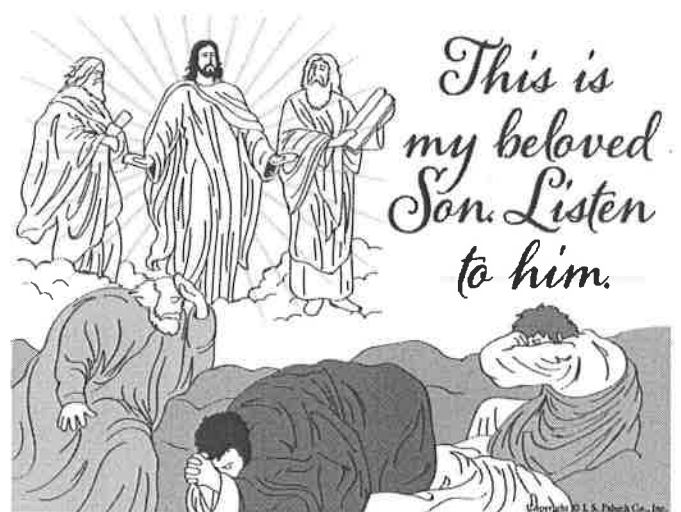
MORNING MASSES AND WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses are back to regular scheduling. All Masses open to the public with limited seating. Please remember social distancing and masks must be worn at all time by everyone in the Church including the Priests, Lectors, Cantors and all parishioners.

Stewardship - A Way of Life - Sharing God's Gifts
In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus will indeed intercede for us. What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

1ST RECONCILIATION

The grade two children from our three schools will soon be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. St Michael's students on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00pm, Good Shepherd students on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00pm and St. Anne students on Saturday, March 13th at 1:00pm. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers!



Canadian Food For Children

Weekly wish list for Lent:

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.

CFFC
Canadian Food For Children

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 5	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	All three parishes
Mar 5	9am-11:30am	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 5	2:00-7:00pm	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 6	8am-10am	First Saturday Devotions	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 6	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville

2nd Sunday of Lent

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

**St. Mary's Mass Intentions
March 2nd - March 7th, 2021**

Tue	8:00am - †Dale Gilbert
Wed	8:00am - †Tony Driessen
Thurs	8:00am - †Cecile McCourt
Fri	8:00am - †Ed Fiala
Sat	5:00pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30am - For Our Parish Family

**St. Michael's Mass Intentions
March 2nd - March 7th, 2021**

Tue	8:30 am - †Violet, †Joseph, & †Donald Borg
Wed	8:30 am - †Peter Timmermans & †Frank Borg
Thurs	8:30 am - †Brian McMath 8:30 am - Intention of Omar Heyzen and Family
Fri	8:30 am - †Caroline Martens
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 2nd - March 7th, 2021**

Tue	6:30 pm - †Margaret DeClerk
Thurs	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am - †Ken Dubuque
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

OFFERTORY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

St. Mary's: Offertory \$4,051.95
St. Michael's: Offertory \$2,930.00
St. Paul's: Offertory \$799.00

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

Please make checks payable to the Church you are attending. The banks will not cash checks made out to North American Martyrs or South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes.

ENVELOPES

There are still 2021 envelope boxes that have not been picked up. Please call the parishes office to make arrangements. Thank you.

SHARE LENT

Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises.

Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the Share Love, Share Lent campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

For inspiration, information and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.

WEEKLY PRAYER

God of Mountains, you call us to climb hard paths, to glory at the summit and to descend again to continue our mission to love. Keep us focused on the life that is before us, with our hands and hearts open to the gifts that lie right in front of us. Amen.

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.

Amen.

Prayer by Pope Francis, from the 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.





London/St. Thomas Retrouvaille The Weekend

www.retrouvaillelondon.com

Do you feel alone? Are you angry or frustrated with your spouse? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other?



“Retrouvaille

hasn't eliminated our problems, but has given us the tools to work with. We have a better understanding of each other and the maturity to talk things out instead of fighting.”

Hope is Available

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience, in which husbands and wives are helped with communication to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The Weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, nor is it counseling.

You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

Confidentiality ensured

In London April 9-11, 2021

Contact us soon to register as limited spaces are available.

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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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