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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.

MARCH 7TH, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Please Pray for Healing:** Jim Hewitt (B), Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, Sam Telford (T), John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Art Kemp brother of Jeff Kemp (R), Cathy Taylor (R), Sister Emerita, Cheryl Ann Fisher (T), 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 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, Linda Burk, Irene Caron, for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Rev. Christopher Gillespie; Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith; Deacon Andre Dedecker; Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Victor Salazar; Rev. Gerard Bedard; Rev. Joseph Kan-nath

\*\*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.

My dear good people,  
Peace and goodness. They say that the month of March if it comes in like a lion, it goes out as a lamb. Well I am not sure how it came in, or how it is going to go out, I just know that the days are getting longer and the weather feels less cold and more sunshine. I also know that as we opened up the churches there is hope. I want to welcome people back and to let you know we are keeping the churches as safe as possible. It is up to you to continue wearing masks and keeping social distancing. Together let us build the kingdom of God.

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/skrccfamily>

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 3: Personal supplies, cough medicine, vitamins (especially for children), Tylenol, aspirin, shampoo, tooth paste, soap (bar, liquid, laundry) band-aids, disinfectants (plastic bottles), sanitary supplies, and Canadian Tire money (used for buying building and sports equipment). Good used bicycles, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches are always needed.



**\*\*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.

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Parish offices are closed to the public and the secretaries are working from home and checking emails and phone messages. They will return your calls and emails during regular office hours. Thank you for your patience.

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

*The first of God's commandments - that he alone is God and we shall not have other gods or idols - reaches beyond simply "not offering sacrifices to pagan deities." Rather, it includes avoiding anything that we "rank above" God or that prevents us from worshipping him. The importance of this commandment is seen in the way Jesus reacts against those who have made commerce - selling animals and changing money - their gods, their idols.*

DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP





## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 12	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	All three parishes
Mar 12	2:00-7:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 13	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"Lord, you have the words of eternal life!"*

#### St. Mary's Mass Intentions March 9th - March 14th, 2021

Tue	8:00am - †Tony Driessen
Wed	8:00am - †Gerry Brasier
Thurs	8:00am - †John Vercouteren
Fri	8:00am - †Asher Kirkwood
Sat	5:00pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30am - For Our Parish Family

#### St. Michael's Mass Intentions March 9th - March 14th, 2021

Tue	8:30 am - †Henry Thoonen
Wed	8:30 am - †Jure and Andje Banovic
Thurs	8:30 am - †Irene Hart
Fri	8:30 am - Intentions of Chelsea Huber (Birthday)
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 9th - March 14th, 2021

Tue	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Thurs	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

#### OFFERTORY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021

**St. Mary's:** Offertory \$1,199.00

**St. Michael's:** Offertory \$2,427.00

**St. Paul's:** Offertory \$1,840.00

*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: Strengthening vulnerable communities.

Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the Share Love, Share Lent campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development.

In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

Discern and donate at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

#### RITE OF ELECTION

This past weekend the Rite of Election was held at St. Michael's Church for those who have been seeking and discerning reception into the Catholic Church this Easter.

Congratulations to Alexia Beauchamp in these final steps in your preparation to receive the sacraments!



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1 March 2021

**To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have begun our Lenten journey. It is a time, Pope Francis says, 'both to journey toward God and toward our brothers and sisters'.

In his recent encyclical letter, *Fratelli tutti* (FT), the pope proposes for us a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. It is a call to love others as brothers and sisters; a call to love with a new vision of fraternity, solidarity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words (FT 3). It is in this spirit, that I invite you to enter Lent and to support this year's Share Lent Campaign: **Share Love, Share Lent**.

The vision of our Diocese is to be a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus. During the Lenten season, the Church highlights the call to conversion and discipleship for all its members as we prepare to encounter the Risen Christ on Easter morning. Lent is a special time for prayer, fasting and giving alms. We take on these traditional practices to make room in our hearts, minds and lives for God and to open ourselves to Christ-like habits – praying for and reaching out to those in need by sharing with them our time and treasure.

The Gospel calls us to love God and neighbor and to demonstrate our love in service. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-17), we see that this love is to extend to all people. This parable, the pope emphasizes, shows us that "love does not care if a brother or sister in need comes from one place or another. For love shatters the chains that keep us isolated and separate; in their place, it builds bridges. Love enables us to create one great family, where all of us can feel at home" (FT 62).

I am writing to express my support for the annual Share Lent Campaign, organized by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, and to ask you to be generous in supporting this year's campaign.

Attached to this letter, I am providing an Update on the *Joint Review of CCODP's International Partners*. I encourage you to visit the CCODP website at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). To learn more about the 2021 *Share Love, Share Lent* Campaign and the many excellent resources available, click on the Resources/Share Lent link. Information about the Share Year-Round monthly giving plan and its benefits is available at [www.devp.org/shareyearround](http://www.devp.org/shareyearround).

May the Lord strengthen us in our Lenten journey. May it be for us a time to grow closer to Jesus as missionary disciples.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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## **Update – Joint Review of CCODP’s International Partners**

In 2017, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) commenced a joint review of the international partner organizations that were receiving project funding from CCODP. The review, which was done by representatives of the CCCB and CCODP, was initiated to investigate a number of concerns raised by dioceses and the Catholic faithful that positions taken by the partners were in conflict with Catholic teaching. During this investigation, CCODP assured the Bishops that Share Lent contributions would not be used for any partners under review.

In a joint press release on 25 February 2021, the CCCB and CCODP announced that they had concluded the review. The final report was approved by both organizations.

As a result of the review, several critical steps will be undertaken to implement changes regarding the international partnership program. Among these changes are:

- revision of the CCODP Partnership Policy;
- development of new criteria for partner selection and review;
- creation of a new International Partnership Committee, which will include representatives of the CCCB, to review, approve and monitor all partnerships.

The CCCB is pleased with the review. The Bishops believe that a renewed system for managing international partnerships will be more transparent and ensure CCODP’s Catholic identity, vision, mission and expectations.

In his recent letter, the CCCB President, Archbishop Richard Gagnon, expressed the support of the CCCB for the 2021 Share Lent campaign. Going forward, the implementation of the review’s recommendations will strengthen the CCCB and CCODP as we work collaboratively to alleviate poverty, suffering and injustices in the world.

Further information regarding the joint review can be found at the following: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-and-the-canadian-catholic-organization-for-development-and-peace-caritas-canada-conclude-joint-review-of-ccodps-international-partner-organiz/>.

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
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1 March 2021

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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:**

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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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