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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://southkenticatholicfamilyofparishes.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 21ST, 2021**

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Please Pray for Healing:** Jeannie Havens (R), The Clark Family, Mike DeCook, 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, for all the deceased members of our families.  
**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Deacon James Panchaud; Rev. Murray Sample; Deacon Brad Lewis; Mr. Sylvain Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Parish Secretaries in the Diocese of London; Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate; Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, OFM Cap

**\*\*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. This past week we have celebrated one year of the coronaVirus and the effects it has had in our lives. It has been a stressful time for most of us. There have been many heartbreaking stories and events in our lives, as well as many beautiful stories of human kindness and generosity. In this community we have been blessed in so many ways. I pray that soon we will be able to go back to the many ways we are used to. We know the world has changed and all this affects us. But more importantly I believe that God is always with us and that we are not alone.

May God continue to bless you.

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.

#### Canadian Food For Children

*Weekly wish list for Lent:*

Week 5: ready to eat cereals, corn flakes, cheerios, rice pastas, dried packaged soups, flour, packaged mashed potatoes, vegetable oil, cookies, tea bags, coffee, children's shoes, peanut butter, candles (even partially used), and Canadian Tire money, good used bicycles, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, are always needed.



#### GENERAL ABSOLUTION

There will be general absolution services on the following days:

Thamesville on March 22 at 7pm

Ridgetown on March 23 at 7pm

Blenheim on March 27 at 2:30 pm.

There will be priests available if anyone would like a private confession.

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

*To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us. Christ came to usher in a new covenant - one that would reconcile to God and draw all people to himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve him.*

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - Solidarity Sunday**

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent, parishioners across Canada will be celebrating Solidarity Sunday. This day is part of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's annual Share Lent campaign, whose theme this year is Share Love, Share Lent. In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis reminds us that "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights". Please support the Share Lent campaign by contributing through your parish or online at <https://www.devp.org/en>. On Sunday March 21st at 1 pm, Development and Peace working with Salt + Light Media, will air a special program on the work of Development and Peace followed by the celebration of bilingual Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Desrochers (Diocese of Pembroke). To tune in please visit <https://www.devp.org/en/sharelent2021/mass>.

#### **SHARE LENT**

Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed. Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic. Visit [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent) to learn more.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 22	7:00pm	General Absolution	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Mar 23	7:00pm	General Absolution	St. Michael's, Thamesville
Mar 26	2:00-7:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 26	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	All three parishes
Mar 27	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Mar 27	2:30pm	General Absolution	St. Mary's, Blenheim

**5th Sunday of Lent**

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want!"*

**St. Mary's Mass Intentions  
March 23rd - March 28th, 2021**

Tue	8:00am - †Frank Fiala
Wed	8:00am - Intention of Colleen Sanson
Thurs	8:00am - Intention of Janet Kempe
Fri	8:00am - †Linda Burk
Sat	5:00pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30am - For Our Parish Family

**St. Michael's Mass Intentions  
March 23rd - March 28th, 2021**

Tue	8:30 am - Special Intentions
Wed	8:30 am - Intentions of Sybil Baker
Thurs	8:30 am - †Betty Gray
Fri	8:30 am - Deceased Copeland/Cox Family
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 23rd - March 28th, 2021**

Tue	6:30 pm - †Rose Vereecken
Thurs	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am - †Barbara VanGassen
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

**OFFERTORY MARCH 14TH, 2021**

**St. Mary's:** Offertory \$2,417.20

**St. Michael's:** Offertory \$1,130.00

**St. Paul's:** Offertory \$575.00

*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 parish offices to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you.

**ST. MICHAEL'S EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter Flowers are available for purchase in memory of loved ones for Easter for St. Michael's. 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 clearing marked with what you wish by March 28th.

**ST. PAUL'S EASTER FLOWERS**

St. Paul's will once again be asking for donations towards our Easter Flowers. Please place your name, the name(s) of those you wish remembered, and your donation, in an envelope marked "flowers". Donations needed by March 28.

 <p><b>HEARING CLINIC</b> 141 Catherine St., Blenheim 519-676-2323</p>	<p><b>MBI FINANCIAL</b> SAVING INVESTING RETIRING ESTATE</p>	<p>BLenheim 519-676-8106 48 Talbot St. W. RIDGETOWN 519-674-3613 4 Main St. E. mbifinancial.com</p>	<p><b>RIGHT TO LIFE KENT</b> Members Needed General \$15 Family \$25 Seniors/Students \$10 Cheques to 39 Grand Ave. W., Chatham, ON N7L 1B4 (Tax Deductible) Sponsor: Blenheim K of C No. 7744</p>	 <p>519-676-0530 Jeanette Steen 101 Ellen Street Unit B, Blenheim, ON NOP 1A0</p>
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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 Ridgerton Village. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### 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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