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**MASS TIMES FOR
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ST. PAUL'S,
THAMESVILLE**

LIVESTREAMED MASSES ONLY

Visit our website at <https://southkentcatholicfamilyofparishes.ca/>
and click on the 'Watch Sunday Mass' link to view Masses.

**Morning Masses Tuesdays to Fridays at 8:30am and weekend Mass on
Sundays at 11am will be livestreamed from St. Michael's.**

MAY 2ND, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please Pray for Healing: Georgina Swackhammer (T), Kara Peters (R), Jean Uher (B), Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Cathy Taylor (R), Sister Emerita, Cheryl Ann Fisher (T), 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, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Rev. Thomas Janisse; Rev. Matthew Bedard; Rev. Daniel Bombardier; Rev. Richard (Dick) Bester; Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood; Rev. Gary Ducharme; Rev. James Mockler

****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.

Hello everyone,

Peace and goodness. I was just reflecting on how the Pandemic can get on our nerves. We can be less tolerable with those around us. It is easy to see the faults of others, however, this is not the time to see our differences, but rather to see the gifts we are to each other. Let us not be divided by the politics in our lives but learn to love one another. Someday this will pass and then we will discover that the bridges we have built will help bring about the kingdom of God.

In Christ

Fr John

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

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.

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.

MORNING MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Morning Masses will be livestreamed Tuesday to Friday mornings at 8:30am, with intentions from all three churches or as requested. Masses can still be requested by telephone or email to the parish offices.

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

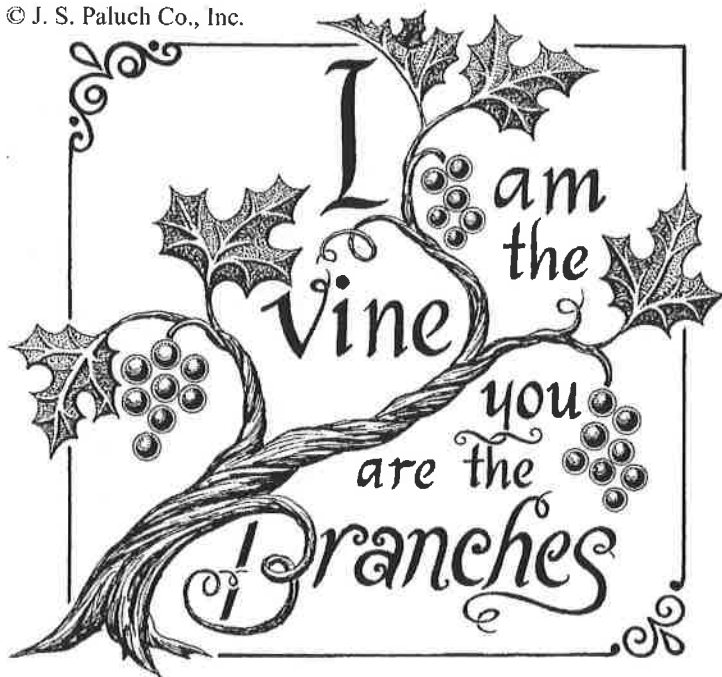
To truly stay united to Jesus, we need grounding in two essential elements. First, by taking on the mind of Christ and adhering to what the Church proclaims. Second, by living in accord with the moral teaching of the Church.

Following Jesus asks much of us but offers us the eternal love of the Father in return.

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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5th Sunday of Easter

“Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation ”

Catholic Education week “Nurturing Hope” is May 2-7 2021. For more information please visit: <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/nurturing-hope-cultiver-lesperance/>

**ST. MARY’S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
POSTPONED**

Eucharistic Adoration which was to take place every Friday afternoon at St. Mary’s Church, from 2:00 until 5:00pm, has been postponed for now due to the Churches being closed.

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.

ST. PAUL’S CWL

AS OF APRIL 22, 2021, Georgina Swackhammer will be taking over as CWL President, Terry Ross Hardy remains as Treasurer, and Brenda Pumfrey as the Secretary.

If you have dues that have not been paid, please contact one of the above mentioned people. Next meeting will be once the Covid restrictions have been removed.

In regards to the opening date of Masses at St. Gabriel’s, Rondeau, and St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau, we are waiting until we hear when lockdown is going to end. We will update you when we know more. Thank you for your patience.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Abiding Jesus, you have connected us to the vine of divine love. May your compassion for the world flow through us and lead us deeper into a relationship with you. Help us turn towards our brothers and sisters most in need of care. May your resurrected life bring new life and transform our hearts to best serve in your name, Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY FOR 2021

The Council 8435 Knights of Columbus will be offering a \$500 bursary for one student from St. Michael’s enrolled in a post secondary education program in the fall of 2021. Applications are available at the parish office. Applications are due at the parish office by June 18th. It may be difficult to get teachers, chaplains or Parish Priests to sign and give comments but electronic comments and signatures will be accepted. For further information please contact the parish office or Paul Johnston 519-365-8340.

**South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes Mass Intentions - Livestreamed
May 4th - May 9th, 2021**

- Tue, May 4 8:30 am - Souls in Purgatory (B)
 8:30 am - Intentions of Kara Peters (R)
 8:30 am - Intentions for Father Tom, 24th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood (T)
- Wed, May 5 8:30 am - †Linda Burk (B)
 8:30 am - †Bert Huys (R)
- Thurs, May 6 8:30 am - †Bob Dulong (B)
- Fri, May 7 8:30 am - †Dale Gilbert (B)
 8:30 am - †Jean Machan (B)
 8:30 am - †Francis Rousseau (R)
- Sun, May 9 11:00am - For Our Parish Family

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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:

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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