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**MASS TIMES FOR
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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 16TH, 2021

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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. Raymond Lawhead; Mrs. Sue Hofgartner, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, CST; Rev. William Thompson, OMI; Mrs. Andrea Dula, Campus Minister; Deacon Bernard McCartney; Rev. Slawomir Swagrzyk

****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. This Sunday we here in Canada celebrate Ascension Sunday. This feast emphasizes both the return of Christ and his abiding presence in the community. Ascension and Pentecost tell us that God is still present, still sends out disciples to make a difference, still calls you and me. Jesus is here and still seeks witnesses. What he said in the gospel to his disciples on Ascension Day still remains valid and indispensable. "You are witness to these things " If we do, it wouldn't be the first time in our long history that we arose from the ashes.

Fr John

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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.

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

The Gospel takes us back to the Last Supper and Jesus; prayer for his followers. Full of concern for our welfare, he wants us to have all the spiritual resources necessary to be faithful and united. He knows there are perils and dangers, but if we keep our eyes fixed on him remaining in his love and consecrated in his truth, we will succeed.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.



Ascension of the Lord

"The Lord has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet."

VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2021

Once again this year's BBB Campaign is virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please click on the attached link for information or to donate. The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, however, if you wish to donate at any time the link is active. Your charitable receipt will be processed by [canadahelps.org](https://www.canadahelps.org). If you are not comfortable donating online, please mail a cheque (made out to Refuge) to our office at : 39 Grand Ave. W. Chatham, ON N7L 1B4. Any questions or concerns please call our office @ 519-352-3611. As we are considered an essential service and have been very busy, we appreciate any and all donations. Thank you for your support! Here is the BBB 2021 fundraiser <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/49216/donation>

WEEKLY PRAYER

God of life, work your miracles of life in us and through us. May our neighbours experience us bringing goodness and healing, encouragement and kindness, justice and mercy to the world, Amen.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

We know that Covid 19 has been financially difficult for many people. The church has also experienced these challenging days. Please continue to support your Church with your contributions. They can be dropped off at the office in the outside mailbox, or mail them to the address of your Parish which can be found on the front page of the Bulletin. If you would like more information about Pre-Authorized Donations, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for remembering us in your contributions and prayers!

In regards to the opening date of Masses at St. Gabriel's, Rondeau, and St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau, we will update you when we know more. Thank you for your patience.

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 18th - May 23rd, 2021

Tue, May 18	8:30 am - †Bert Huys (R) 8:30 am - Intentions of the Feys Family (T)
Wed, May 19	8:30 am - †Colleen Slaght (R)
Thurs, May 20	8:30 am - Special Intentions (R)
Fri, May 21	8:30 am - †Jure and Andje Banovic (R)
Sun, May 23	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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