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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

#### MASS TIMES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S, RIDGETOWN

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES  
Saturday at 5pm  
Sunday at 9 & 11am

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

### AUGUST 29TH, 2021 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Please Pray for Healing:** Jean Uher (B), Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, John Eckert brother of Margie Mahoney (B), Cathy Taylor (R), Sister Emerita, Sandra Sonneveld, sister of Randy Sterling (B), Germaine Pynenbrouck (R), Connie Murray (B), Michelle MacLean (B), Irene Stepniak (R), Lena Mazan (R), Denise DeWitte (B), Frank Slemensky (B), Bill Van Loon (B), and all others in our parish who need prayers.

**Please Pray for the Deceased:** Please pray for those who have died, Paul Giroux, and for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Rev. Frank Murphy; Rev. Thomas Donohue; Rev. Paul Rennick, CSB; Rev. Adam Gabriel, CSMA; Deacon Arthur Bondy; Rev. Kazimierz Lorencowicz, CSMA; Rev. Mohanathas Kamalathan, CR

**\*\*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 parishioners,

Peace and goodness. "God is a surprise". That is the name of a song. "Surprise, surprise!" Our God does surprise us every so often. It can come out of nowhere, or just right next to us. Just the other day I got a book in the mail, sent by a former parishioner with no explanation. I was so surprised. Have you ever just watched a sunset and thought how beautiful it is. To be in awe and aware of God's creation. These are moments when God breaks into our world. May God surprise you with God's love, and may you be open to God's surprise.  
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

Some parishioners are still expressing concerns about gathering in churches. As well, in light of the need for continued physical distancing, we will not be able to welcome everyone back for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue until the end of the liturgical year, that is 27 November 2021. As before, we will continue to monitor the situation.

+ *Ronald Jabbo, C.S.B.*

#### RCIA

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity for those who have not been baptized, as well as for those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with the Catholic Church. Through weekly gatherings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. Our RCIA program begins again soon sometime in October. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith or in joining the church please contact one of the parish offices. All are welcome.

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

*Not all of the Thessalonians were Israelites, and yet since Christ came for all, Paul preached the Gospel to all. The Lord was revealed to this community through Paul, just as he chose to reveal himself to the widow in Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, through his prophets. Saint Paul's words, that those who believe in Jesus will rise again, are not just the Thessalonians, but to all of us.*

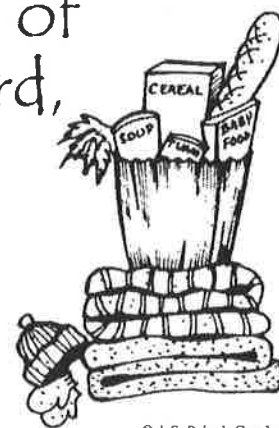
Our Churches are now open, capacity limited only by the requirement of physically-distanced seating. Masks must be worn.

**\*\*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 at all times. Please remember that Church is a public place - before, during and after Mass.

#### BULLETIN BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the bulletin by email, please contact the parish offices by either phone or email. Third party requests will not be accepted. Thank you.

Be doers of  
the word,  
and not  
hearers  
only



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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"O Lord, who may abide in your tent?"*

### INFORMATION UPDATE

We recently sent out a welcome back letter to everyone in our parish list. We received many letters back in the mail with incorrect addresses. Please contact the office if you did not receive a letter so we can get your correct information. Also, if you have disconnected your home phone/land line and changed to a cell phone only, please contact the parish offices, either by phone or email, so we can update our records. Thank you.

### WEEKLY PRAYER

*Lord, dwell among us as we open our lives to you and welcome you into the homes of our hearts. Inspire us to bring you into the darkest places, that we might step past being afraid of your punishment, instead of being satisfied only with growing in the freedom of being loved and shaped by you. Amen.*

#### St. Mary's Mass Intentions

August 31st - September 5th, 2021

Tue	8:00 am - Intention of Aaron & Lucas Rupert
Wed	8:00 am - Intention of A. Van Overloop
Thurs	8:00 am - Capuchin Intention
Fri	8:00 am - Intention of G. & Y. Laevens Family
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30 am - For Our Parish Family

#### St. Michael's Mass Intentions

August 31st - September 5th, 2021

Tue	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Wed	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Thurs	8:30 am - Special Intentions
Fri	8:30 am - Intention of Chad Benoot (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

August 31st - September 5th, 2021

Tue	6:30 pm - †Bert Huys
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 AUGUST 8TH, 2021

*St. Mary's*: Offertory \$1,731.00

#### OFFERTORY AUGUST 15TH, 2021

*St. Mary's*: Offertory \$1,302.00

#### OFFERTORY AUGUST 22ND, 2021

*St. Mary's*: Offertory \$986.00

*St. Michael's*: Offertory \$1,850.00

*St. Paul's*: Offertory \$1,495.00

*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 cheques made out to North American Martyrs or South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes.

#### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

There will be a blood donor clinic on Wednesday September 8th at St. Mary's Hall in Blenheim from 1:30-7:30pm.

#### ST. PAUL'S CWL

St. Paul's CWL will be having a book & bake sale Sat. Sept. 18 & 19, after the Mass, in Church Hall. Please join for a coffee & donut while you search for your book. Paper backs are 50 cents and hardcover are \$1. There will be boxes at back of church to start collecting books for the sale. Also they are looking for old/used greeting cards to be donated. Thank you for your support.

#### DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

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**THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK**  
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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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