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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.

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2021 23RD 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, and for all the deceased members of our families.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar: Rev. Maurice Restivo, CSB; Rev. James Conion; Mrs. Bridget Corneil, Pastoral Worker; Madonna House Apostolate; Rev. John Jasica; Rev. Vincent Van Zutphen; Rev. Denis Grecco

****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,

In our lives, often we go about wondering the meaning of life and happiness. If we look to the world, we often see things that appears though they will bring us happiness. Things like money a nice car may seem as though they can fill the void in our hearts. We know this is not true because real happiness comes from Jesus. Only He can bring us joy and peace. If we direct our hearts towards money and possessions, we will remain unhappy and discontented. Pope Francis asks the question: "What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life." Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life." When we place Him at the center of our lives, we begin to find peace.

Br. Michael Mascarenhas, OFM, Cap.

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 Jabbro, 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

Looking at the world, there is no doubt about the need for healing. The people in the district of the Decapolis knew that the deaf man needed healing, and so they brought him to Jesus. As those who also know the healer—who know our lord—let us bring our needs and those of others to him.

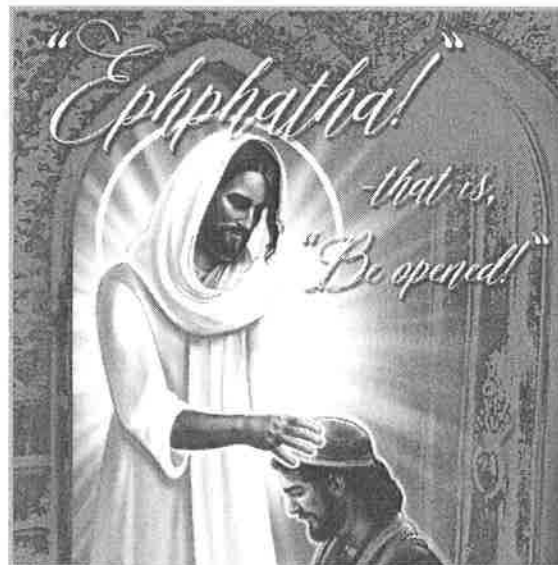
Our Churches are now open, capacity limited only by the requirement of physically-distanced seating. Masks must be worn.

****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.**

BAPTISMS



Welcome Jade Josephine VanGassen and Laken Marie Hodgson who were baptized in the South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes, St. Mary's. May God continue to bless you and your family.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

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.

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

September 7th - September 12th, 2021

Tue	8:00 am - Capuchin Intention
Wed	8:00 am - Capuchin Intention
Thurs	8:00 am - Capuchin Intention
Fri	8:00 am - †Annette Van
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30 am - For Our Parish Family

St. Michael's Mass Intentions

September 7th - September 12th, 2021

Tue	8:30 am - †Paul Giroux
Wed	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Thurs	8:30 am - Special Intentions
Fri	8:30 am - †Jure & Andje Banovic
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

September 7th - September 12th, 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 29TH, 2021

St. Mary's: Offertory \$1,895.15

St. Michael's: Offertory \$1,895.00

St. Paul's: Offertory \$265.00

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHEDULES

St. Michael's schedules for Lectors, Auxiliary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers were emailed last week, along with a few paper copies at the back of the church. If you did not receive one, please contact the Parish office.

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.

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word mogilalos appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old. The word ephphatha, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ephphatha, all of which were practices incorporated into the early

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RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK
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Tues. & Fri. 10am-4pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-12pm

THAMESVILLE FOOD BANK
Thamesville United Church,
107 Elizabeth St.

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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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