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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 19TH, 2021

25TH 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, Pat Langan, and for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Rev. Waclaw CSMA; Rev. Anselmo Jachee RI; Rev. Abigniew Sawicki; Rev. Oliver Okoro; Rev. Daniel Morand; Deacon Brian Hanley; Deacon David Callaghan

**\*\*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,

We celebrated the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross this week. The cross reminds us that God loves us so much and is there for us. When life's troubles make us feel uncertain and overwhelmed, the crucifix reminds us that we are God's children. The Good News is that our God died for us so that we may have life because He loves us. This is all that matters. The cross is our moral compass that always leads us back to the Father.

Brother Michael Mascarenhas, OFM, Cap.

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 Abbis, C.S.B.*

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.**

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

*A common thread in today's readings is that the marks of faithfulness are humility, peacemaking and service to the lowliest among us. In the midst of cynicism, which is so often the reality of our modern world, how can we better witness to the world the peace of Christ?*

#### 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.

#### THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The Lord upholds my life!"*

**ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY SERVICE**

**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

The cemetery board from the Diocese of London has said that there is to be no Cemetery Services again this year due to Covid. Therefore, St. Michael's Cemetery service has been cancelled.

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

*God the Father, who upholds our lives, allow us to receive your loving guidance. May we see ourselves in the people we find hardest to love. May we be drawn to serve when we are tempted to judge or selfishly take the place of another. May we offer the first seats and gratefully receive what is leftover. Amen.*

**St. Mary's Mass Intentions**

**September 21st - September 26th, 2021**

Tue	8:00 am - †Marielle Le Blanc
	8:00 am - Living and Deceased Members of the Kormendy Family
Wed	8:00 am - †Sigismondo DeVito
	8:00 am - †Gerry Brasier
Thurs	8:00 am - †Dale Gilbert
Fri	8:00 am - †Charles and Mary Remsik
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30 am - For Our Parish Family

**St. Michael's Mass Intentions**

**September 21st - September 26th, 2021**

Tue	8:30 am - †Karen Holdaway
Wed	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Thurs	8:30 am - Special Intentions
Fri	8:30 am - Int of Cohen 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**

**September 21st - September 26th, 2021**

Tue	6:30 pm - Vanbesien & Verstraete Families
Thurs	6:30 pm - Capuchin Intention
Sat	8:30 am - Special Intention
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

**OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021**

**St. Mary's:** Offertory \$1,403.35

**St. Michael's:** Offertory \$1,964.00

**St. Paul's:** Offertory \$3,835.00

*Thank you to all who continue to support our Parish, both spiritually and financially.*

Please make cheques 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.

**RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN**

This year's Life Chain is taking place on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be three locations in Chatham-Kent. Please meet up at 1:30 to receive your sign.

- In Tilbury, meet at the corner of Queen and Mill Street.
- In Wallaceburg, meet at Civic Square Park (also known as 'The Fountain Park').
- In Chatham, meet at the Pines parking lot. The Life Chain will be held on both sides of Grand Avenue West.

In keeping with Covid restrictions, numbers are limited to 50 on each side of Grand Avenue. Please call the office at 519-352-3611 to register.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CWL - BABY SHOWER**

St. Michael's CWL will be holding the annual baby shower in support of Right to Life Refugee from September 18th to October 31st. Desperately needed items are: girls onesies for 0-24 months, sleepers for 0-12 months and preemie clothes; and boys onesies for 3-12 months, sleepers for 9-12 months and preemie clothes. They currently don't have and are in desperate need of receiving blankets, baby wash, burp cloths, baby shampoo or "bum" cream. Donations can be left in the bassinette provided at the church entrance or drop off items at the rectory, or call Lorraine at 519-674-0242 for pick up. New and used items gratefully received. Monetary donation also gratefully received.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

This years baby bottle boomerang for Right to Life Kent only raised around just over \$7,000. In comparison to other years they have raised around \$40,000. Please consider making a donation.

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**RIDGETOWN FOOD BANK**  
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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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