



**We Are Family**

## ***SOUTH KENT CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES***

**Fr. Romeo Fernandes, OFM Cap.  
Fr. Christophe Mbunzu, OFM Cap.  
Deacon Marcel DeClerk  
Deacon Fred Eade**

Capuchin Website: [www.capuchins.ca](http://www.capuchins.ca)



**MARCH 5TH, 2023 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Lust**

Lust is a strong passion or longing, especially for sexual desires.

The Bible speaks about lust in 2 Timothy 2:22, "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love [and] peace..."

Giving into one's intense longings for sexual gratification is the root cause of infidelity, promiscuity, licentiousness, and in the contemporary world, sexual addiction, the cause of broken relationships, broken marriages, unsuccessful marriages, unsuccessful family life, and their deep and oftentimes devastating negative emotional consequences." The hook up culture based on the concept of instant gratification is a great example of lust. Powered by technology and applications such as Tinder, it makes satisfying your lust easier than it was maybe a few years ago. Nothing wrong with lust if that's what you're looking for but everything in moderation is probably a good idea. There are some practical things that we do, even practical things that Jesus taught us to do that sound so radical to a sex-saturated world and the liberated world in which we live. No, uncontrolled lust is what enslaves us. It doesn't liberate us. And when we come to that understanding and that realization, then we'll starve the lust monster. We'll do whatever it takes to protect our lives, Chastity or self-control cures lust by controlling passion and leveraging that energy for the good of others.

Fr. Romeo Fernandes, OFM Cap



### **St. Mary's, Blenheim Mass Times**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday to Friday at 8am

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10:30am

**SUMMER MASSES**

St. Anne of the Lakes, Erieau  
Sat at 3:45pm, May - September

### **St. Michael's, Ridgetown Mass Times**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday at 5pm, Sept to May

Sunday at 9 & 11am

**SUMMER MASSES**

St. Gabriel's, Rondeau  
Saturday at 5pm, May - Sept.

### **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

### **St. Mary's Church**

95 Marlborough St. N.  
Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0

Phone: 519-676-2025

Fax: 519-676-7358

Email: [stmary@dol.ca](mailto:stmary@dol.ca)

Office - 95 Marlborough St. N.  
Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9am-4:30pm  
Bookkeeper - Deb Carey  
[dcarey@dol.ca](mailto:dcarey@dol.ca)

### **St. Michael's Church**

26 George St., PO Box 478  
Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0

Phone: 519-674-3343

Fax: 519-674-1020

Email: [stmichridge@dol.ca](mailto:stmichridge@dol.ca)

Office - 26 George St., Ridgetown  
Hours: Tue - Fri: 9am-4:30pm  
Secretary - Lisa Heil  
[lheil@dol.ca](mailto:lheil@dol.ca)

### **St. Paul's Church**

5 Alice St., PO Box 40  
Thamesville, ON N0P 2K0

Phone: 519-692-3874

Fax: 519-674-1020

Email: [stpaulthames@dol.ca](mailto:stpaulthames@dol.ca)

Office - 26 George St. Ridgetown  
Hours: Tue & Thurs: 10am-3pm  
Secretary - Carolyn CoDyre  
[ccodyre@dol.ca](mailto:ccodyre@dol.ca)

**\*The Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at 10am for St. Mary's & St. Michael's  
and Tuesday at 11am for St. Paul's\***

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Half an hour after the following: weekday Masses;  
after St. Mary's Sunday Mass; after St. Michael's  
Sundays Masses; and after St. Paul's Saturday Masses,  
or by appointment

Please phone the parish  
office concerning the  
Sacrament of Baptism,  
Anointing of the Sick  
and Communion visits.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please phone the parish office at  
least six months before your  
planned wedding date.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Function	Location
Mar 7	9:00am	Burden Bears	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 7	2:00pm	St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 9	6:30pm Mass, 7:00pm	Knights of Columbus meeting	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 10	10:00am	Blenheim Village Mass	Blenheim Community Village, Blenheim
Mar 10	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Mar 10	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Mar 10	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Mar 11	9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Mar 11	10:00am	St. Paul's CWL meeting	St. Paul's, Thamesville

### CONFIRMATION MASSES

Confirmation Masses will be: 7pm Tues Mar 7 for Good Shepherd Thamesville; 7pm Wed Mar 8 for St. Michael's Ridgetown; and 7pm Thurs Mar 9 for St. Anne's Blenheim,

### Mass Intentions for the week of March 7th - March 12th, 2023

#### St. Mary's

Tue	8:00 am - †Fred Kusak
Wed	8:00 am - †Colleen Slaght and Family
Thurs	8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory
Fri	8:00 am - †Asher Kirkwood
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:30 am - For Our Parish Family

#### St. Michael's

Tue	8:30 am - Int of Bev Ramboer (Birthday)
	8:30 am - †Peter Timmermans, †Frank Borg
Wed	8:30 am - Int. of Jane Duffy
	8:30 am - †Gerry Noordhoek
Thurs	8:30 am - †Irene Stepniak
	8:30 am - †Harry Mezenberg
Fri	8:30 am - †Jure & Andje Banovic
	8:30 am - Int of Chelsea Huber (Birthday)
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	9:00 am - For Our Parish Family
	11:00 am - For Our Parish Family

#### St. Paul's

*Tue	7:00 pm - Confirmation
Thurs	6:30 pm - †Vanbesiern & Verstraete Families
Sat	8:30 am - Capuchin Intention
Sat	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	8:30 am - For Our Parish Family

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

*The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus, and understand that we are meant to share that when the fullness of the kingdom is at hand.*

**Please Pray for Healing:** Barb Delanghe (B), Bessie Kominek (R), Helen Vajdijk (B), Mary Kluka (B), Eugene Barron Piggott; Lorraine VanDamme (T), Monica Banovic (R), Joe Kormendy (B), Barbara Graham (B), Jim Shaw (R), Amy Smith sister of Jeff Kemp, Marilyn Chauvin (T), Bob Fisher (T), Sue Kormendy, sister of Joe Kormendy (B), Shirley Fraser (B), Jeannie Havens (R), Mike DeCook, Sister Emerita, Connie Murray (B), Michelle MacLean (B), Denise DeWitte (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, Tom Archibald, Bob Loop, and for all the deceased members of our families.

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar:** Deacon Dominic Vu; Rev. Phil Guimaraes; Rev. Christopher Gillespie; Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith; Deacon Andre Dedeker; Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Victor Salazar

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### **St. Mary's, St. Michael's and St. Paul's Leaders Schedule**

March 3 - Pastoral Council  
March 10 - Knights of Columbus  
March 17 - St. Vincent de Paul  
March 24 - Music Ministry  
March 31 - Catholic Women's League/St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

St. Michael's - Wed, March 29, 9-11am, 1:30-6pm  
- School Reconciliation Friday March 31  
St. Mary's - Wed, March 29, 8:30-11am, 1:30-6pm  
- School Reconciliation Tuesday March 28  
St. Paul's - Wed, March 29, 8:30-11am, 5-7pm  
- School Reconciliation Tuesday March 28

## *Day of Confessions*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023**

*Penance and Prayer in Every Parish*

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.

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

*"Let your love be upon us Lord, even as we hope in you"*

### NOVENAS

Starting the first week of Lent we will start the novenas to: St. Anthony of Padua every Tuesday after the mass. Mother of Perpetual Succour every Wednesday for St. Mary's and St. Michael's and every Thursday for St. Paul's.

### ST. PAUL'S OFFICE CLOSURE

St. Paul's office will be closed from Mar. 23rd until Apr. 4th. If assistance is needed please call or email St. Michael's secretary.

### ST. PAUL'S EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Easter flowers, please have your donation in by Mar. 18. Place your donation, your name and the Name(s) of those you wish remembered, in an envelope marked "flowers", place in offertory basket. Thank you.

### ST. MICHAEL'S EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers are available for purchase in memory of loved ones for Easter for St. Michael's. Lilies are \$15 and Hydrangeas are \$42. Hydrangeas are available in blue, pink or white in an 8" pot. Please call the office with your request or place your request in the offertory in an envelope clearing marked with what you wish by March 29th.

### CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN - MILK BAGS

Canadian Food For Children are collecting milk bags to be made into mats for their sleeping kits. Milk bags can be left in the box at the parking lot door at St. Mary's Church, and they will be brought to Canadian Food for Children.

### CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Canadian Food For Children does not collect old magazines. Please do not leave any magazines in the church entries. Thank you for your consideration.

### ST. MARY'S LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

### OFFERTORY FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH, 2023

**St. Mary's:** Offertory - \$1,403.25

**St. Michael's:** Offertory - \$1,633.25

**St. Paul's:** Offertory - \$414.00

*Thank you to all who continue to support our Parishes, 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.**

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

Volunteers are needed from each parish to proceed with a photo directory for the South Kent Catholic of Parishes. Father would like to do the photo directory in April. Please contact the parish secretary if you are able to help. There are many positions needed; callers, setting up, greeters, etc.

### ST. PAUL'S CWL

St. Paul's CWL will be having a meeting on March 11th at 10am, church basement. At this meeting there will be the installation of the new officers. New members are always welcome!

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



 <p><b>HEARING CLINIC</b> 141 Catherine St., Blenheim 519-676-2323</p>	<p><b>MBI FINANCIAL</b> SAVING INVESTING RETIRING ESTATE BLENHEIM 519-676-8106 48 Talbot St. W. RIDGETOWN 519-674-3613 4 Main St. E. mbifinancial.com</p>	<p><b>RIGHT TO LIFE KENT</b> Members Needed General \$15 Family \$25 Seniors/Students \$10 Cheques to 39 Grand Ave. W., Chatham, ON N7L 1B4 (Tax Deductible) Sponsor: Blenheim K of C No. 7744</p>	 <p>519-676-0530 Jeanette Steen 101 Ellen Street Unit B, Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0</p>
<p><b>This SPACE is AVAILABLE!</b> Please Phone 519-676-2025 or 519-674-3343 or 519-692-3874</p>	<p><b>BLENHEIM COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME</b> Marc W. Eskritt Funeral Director 519-676-9200 www.blenheimcommunityfuneralhome.com MEETING THE BEREAVEMENT NEEDS OF BLENHEIM, RIDGETOWN AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES</p>	<p><b>Sheila Young - Broker</b> Advanced Realty Solutions Inc. Cell: 519-436-7485 Office: 519-352-9400 sheila@advancerealty.ca www.ckhomes.biz</p>	<p><b>This SPACE is AVAILABLE!</b> Please Phone 519-676-2025 or 519-674-3343 or 519-692-3874</p>
<p>info@blenheimchev.com  275 Chatham St. N., Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0 519-676-5495 Fax: 519-676-0196 www.blenheimchev.com</p>	<p> Manufacturers of RJ Packers, Boxes, Levelers, Planters JAMIE &amp; JEFF PICKERING 75 Industrial Ave., Blenheim, Ontario 519-676-4110</p>	<p><b>RURAL URBAN ROOFING CONSTRUCTION</b> Specializing in Steel Shingles Ed Pumfrey 519-355-9962</p>	<p> SALES, SERVICE, PARTS &amp; COLLISION REPAIR 519-352-9200 HEUVELMANSCHV.COM</p>
<p><b>This SPACE is AVAILABLE!</b> Please Phone 519-676-2025 or 519-674-3343 or 519-692-3874</p>	<p> 141 Park Street, Blenheim 519-676-3451 76 Main Street East, Ridgetown 519-674-3141 459 St. Clair Street, Chatham 519-351-2040 www.mckinlayfuneralhome.com</p>	<p><b>St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary</b> Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from September through June in the rectory basement. All Ladies Are Welcome!</p>	<p><b>This SPACE is AVAILABLE!</b> Please Phone 519-676-2025 or 519-674-3343 or 519-692-3874</p>
<p>Ted VanBoxtel Herman VanBoxtel C: 519-360-0289 C: 519-360-0288 <b>Vantel</b> CONSTRUCTION CONCRETE FORMING R.R. #2, Kent Bridge, ON N0P 1V0 P: 519-676-4965 Fax: 519-676-0989</p>	<p><b>Ridgetown FOODLAND</b> Fresh food. Friendly neighbours. PIERRE MONETTE Owner &amp; Friendly Neighbour pierre.monette@sobeys.com 32 Main St. E. Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0 519-674-5270 Fax 519-674-5271</p>	<p><b>St. Mary's Hall</b> Just right for any occasion! 519-676-1295 519-360-7444 In-House Catering</p>	<p> *Blenheim's Ice Cream Shop* 32+ Flavours • Milkshakes • Slushies Smoothies • Sundaes • Frozen Yogurt Ice Cream Cakes, Cupcakes &amp; Pies 14 Talbot St. W. Blenheim 519-350-6390</p>
<p><b>This SPACE is AVAILABLE!</b> Please Phone 519-676-2025 or 519-674-3343 or 519-692-3874</p>	<p><b>BLENHEIM CHRYSLER LTD.</b>  519-676-8131 ROB DRIESSEN</p>	<p><b>KNIAZIEW</b> OPTOMETRY Now Accepting New Patients</p>	
<p><b>FIRST CHOICE DISASTER RESTORATION</b> 257 Colborne St. Chatham, ON N7M 3M3 519-352-8900 Brian Weber, CRT, CIP service@firstchoicedr.ca disasterrestoration.ca</p>	<p> Blenheim, ON Pellet Mill Dies Roll Shells &amp; Roll Parts Grain &amp; Feed Handling Equipment Phone: 519-676-8113</p>	<p><b>McIntyre I.D.A. PHARMACY</b> Hallmark Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 7:30 pm Sat. 9 am - 5 pm • Sun 11 am - 5 pm 519-676-5467 49 TALBOT ST. W., BLENHEIM</p>	<p><b>BLENHEIM PUBLISHERS</b> For all your printing needs. 62 Talbot St. W. 519-676-3321 pl.tribune@southkent.net</p>

## 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.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPONSORS OF THIS BULLETIN**