



## SOUTH KENT CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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**APRIL 6TH, 2025 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### Liturgy Corner

Next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY or PASSION SUNDAY. We commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, marking the start of Holy Week, with a special Mass featuring the blessing and distribution of palms. Weather permitting, the parishioners will be asked to join the Priest outside for the reading of the first Gospel and the blessing of the Palms. We will then proceed into the church waving the palms, which symbolize joy, victory and welcoming of Jesus and singing HOSANNA....Palm Sunday is a time for reflection on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and a reminder of the importance of welcoming Jesus into our lives and hearts, to be willing to follow him, even through difficult times.

A QUESTION---Why is the Holy Water not removed during Lent? There is no requirement in the Roman Missal or other Church documents to remove the Holy Water from the Fonts during Lent. It serves as a constant reminder of the importance of baptism for those who are baptized and those preparing to join the church. By removing the Holy Water, the faithful are deprived of spiritual benefits as in protection from evil, a reminder of baptism and a commitment to live a Christ centered life. THE ONLY time the Holy Water is removed is following the Mass on Holy Thursday, and then refilled with the new water Blessed at the Easter Vigil.

### Jubilee Celebrations

May 17/18 Jubilee of Confraternities, Staff/Workers, KC, CWL, etc  
May 31/June 1 Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, the elderly...etc.  
June 28/20 Jubilee of Priests and Religious  
Aug. 2/3 Jubilee of Youth and Teenagers  
Oct. 11/12 Jubilee of Marian Spirituality  
Nov. 22/23 Jubilee of Choirs



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

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Tuesday to Friday at 8am  
SUNDAY MASSES  
SATURDAY at 5:00pm Sept - May  
Sunday at 11:00am  
SUMMER MASSES  
Saturday at 4pm St. Anne of the  
Lakes, Erieau  
May - Labour Day

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

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am  
SUNDAY MASSES  
Saturday at 5pm, Oct to May  
Sunday at 10:00am  
SUMMER MASSES  
St. Gabriel's, Rondeau  
Sat. at 5pm, May - Thanksgiving

### Mass Times

#### St. Paul's, Thamesville

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Tuesday at 6:30pm  
Thursday at 6:30pm  
Saturday at 9:00am  
SUNDAY MASSES  
Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 9:00am

### St. Mary's Church

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Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0  
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### St. Michael's Church

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Hours: Tue - Fri: 9am-4:30pm  
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### St. Paul's Church

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Hours: Tue & Thurs: 10am-3pm  
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**\*The deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday at 1pm and the deadline for the calendar is the 22nd of the month\***

### CONFESSIONS

St. Mary's Tues. - Friday 1/2 hour after weekday Mass,  
St. Michael's Tues.-Friday 1/2 hour before weekday  
Mass, St. Paul's Saturdays 1/2 hour after morning  
Mass, or by appointment

Please phone the parish  
office concerning the Sac-  
rament of Baptism, Anoint-  
ing of the Sick and Com-  
munion visits.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## 5th Sunday of Lent

*"The Lord has done great things for us,  
We are filled with joy!"*

### Canadian Food For Children

*Weekly wish list for Lent:*

Week 5: ready to eat cereals, corn flakes, cheerios, rice pastas, dried packaged soups, flour, packaged mashed potatoes, vegetable oil, cookies, tea bags, coffee, children's shoes, peanut butter, candles (even partially used), and Canadian Tire money, good used bicycles, wheel chairs walkers, crutches are always needed.

### PARISHIONERS GOING TO HOSPITAL AND IN NEED OF ANOINTING

Parishioners who have scheduled hospital stays (ex. surgery or treatment) can request a home visit from Fr. Romeo or Fr. Christophe before the hospital stay if they wish to receive the anointing of the sick. For those with unplanned hospital stays and emergencies wishing to see a priest, they can ask the attending nurse to request the priest on call for anointing. Please be advised that the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance has a priest on call. Fr. Romeo and Fr. Christophe are members of a rotation team for hospital visits.

### OUT OF OFFICE ALERT

St. Paul's office will be closed from April 6 – 21. Please have bulletin announcements in early or call/email Lisa at St. Michael's Parish office to have information included in the bulletin.

### LENTEN LUNCHESES

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary - our annual nondenominational Lenten Lunches this Thursday, April 10th, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. with guest speaker Pastor Johnny Washington from Shrewsbury Baptist Church. Cost is \$10.00. Take out is available for \$12.00.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the *Bloom Where You are Planted* fundraiser bingo. A special thanks to Riverside Bingo. It was a success in fundraising and fun!

### RIDGETOWN COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! There will be vacation bible from July 14-18 at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus. Volunteers are needed. Follow us on Facebook @ Ridgetown VBS or email us at rcvbs@proton.me Or call Mary at 519-678-3002 or Hester at 519-674-2397.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CWL BANQUET

St. Michael's CWL annual banquet will be held Monday May 5 at 6pm in church hall. Tickets will be for sale at church the weekend of April 5/6/ and 12/13 for \$25.

### OFFERTORY MARCH 29TH AND 30th, 2025

**St. Mary's:** Offertory - \$1,834.40

**St. Michael's:** Offertory - \$1,582.40

**St. Paul's:** Offertory - \$1,055.00

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



### ST. MICHAEL'S K OF C FISH FRY

The Ridgetown Knights of Columbus will be holding their spring "all you can eat" Fish Fry on Friday, April 11th from 4:30 - 7pm at St Michael's hall. Tickets are \$20, kids 6 - 12 \$10, under 6 free. Advanced tickets at the parish office or call 519-365-6774. Proceeds will go towards VBS and other community needs. Take out is available. The Knights will be selling tickets on the weekends of March 29/30 and April 5/6.

### SPRING VENDOR SALE

St. Paul's CWL will be having a vendor sale on April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm at Good Shepherd School, 4 Edith St. Thamesville. There will be food on site for lunch. Donations of used books and nut-free baking would be appreciated, and volunteers are always welcome! Please leave books in the box provided at the back of St. Paul's. Vendors or helpers may call or text 519-692-9662 for information. Students seeking community hours are welcome.

### ST. MARY'S TURKEY RAFFLE

This is your chance to win one or more of 40 prize packages! Each of the 40 rounds will include a turkey or ham, as well as a bottle and/or fresh baked goods. 50/50 draw. An exciting night for all (19+yrs). Friday, April 11, with draws beginning at 7pm at St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim. Admission tickets are \$10 and include a hamburger or hot dog. Advance tickets only! They are available at St. Mary's church 519-676-2025 or from Bernadette at 519-676-4043. CASH ONLY EVENT Please help support your local KofC and Ladies' Auxiliary!



Our parish has a formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code

to download the Formed app to your phone.

If you have trouble signing in or need assistance, please contact Helene Vercouteren at 519-350-4322.

*How to make a Palm Sunday Cross*

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms?

Join Lynn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!



### BAPTISMS



Welcome to those who were baptized into the South Kent Catholic Family of Parishes. Charlotte Kuhstoss, Lincoln Pickard, and Chloe Spence, at St. Michael's; Sofia Sweet, Eliana Ocampo, Axel Griffore, and Tucker Bellamy at St. Mary's. Anders and Harrison Butler at St. Paul's. May God continue to bless you and your family.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Function	Location
Apr 6	10am-2pm	K of C Pancake Brunch Fundraiser	St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim
Apr 7	6:30pm	St. Paul's Youth Group	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Apr 8	9:00am	Burden Bears	St Mary's, Blenheim
Apr 9	6:30pm	St. Mary's Youth Group	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Apr 9	6:30pm	St. Michael's Youth Group	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Apr 9	7:00pm	Pastoral Council	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Apr 10	11:30am	Lenten Lunch	St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim
Apr 10	7:00pm	St. Michael's Knights of Columbus meeting	St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Apr 11	10:00am	Blenheim Village Mass	Blenheim Community Village, Blenheim
Apr 11	2:00pm	Village Communion Service	Village on the Ridge, Ridgetown
Apr 11	4:30-7:00pm	Fish Fry	St. Michael's Hall, Ridgetown
Apr 11	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Apr 11	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Mary's, Blenheim and St. Michael's, Ridgetown
Apr 11	7:00pm	KofC/LA Turkey Raffle	St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim
Apr 12	9:00am	1st Communion Drop in Centers	St. Mary's, Blenheim
Apr 12	9:30am	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Apr 12	10:00am	St. Paul's CWL meeting	St. Paul's, Thamesville
Apr 12	6:00pm	Agape Meal	St. Michael's, Ridgetown

#### Mass Intentions for the week of April 8th – 13th, 2025

##### St. Mary's

Tue	8:00 am - †Roger Lesy
	8:00 am - †Carol Laevens
	8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory
Wed	8:00 am - †Kathy Gloster
	8:00 am - †Lorraine VanDamme
Thurs	8:00 am - †Joanne Sullivan
	8:00 am - Our Parish Families & Youth
Fri	8:00 am - †Sigi Devito (Birthday)
	8:00 am - Int of Corinne Mitrenga (Birthday)
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	11:00 am - For Our Parish Family

##### St. Michael's

Tue	8:30 am - Healing Intentions
	8:30 am - †Bert Huys (4th Anniversary)
	8:30 am - †James Cooper
Wed	8:30 am - †Frank Vercouteren
	8:30 am - †Henry Stepniak
	8:30 am - †Joseph, Violet & Donald Borg
Thurs	8:30 am - †Jure and Andja Banovic
	8:30 am - †Frank & Cornelia DeCook
	8:30 am - Int of Bill Wood Jr.
Fri	8:30 am - Int of Colleen Sanson
	8:30 am - Int of Rachel Rose
	8:30 am - †Jake Goldhawk
Sat	5:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	10:00 am - For Our Parish Family

##### St. Paul's

Tue	6:30 pm - †Peter Verstraete
Thurs	6:30 pm - †Elizabeth Donkers (50th Ann)
Sat	9:00 am - Intentions of Emma Huys
	7:00 pm - For Our Parish Family
Sun	9:00 am - For Our Parish Family

**Please Pray for Healing:** Rita Hughes (R); Curtis Carter (R), William Wood Jr. (R), Erica Evans (VanDyk) (T), Laura Crawford (B), Janet Kempe (B), Pierre Lachance (B), Josh Horan, son of Dave Horan, Roy Carr, Eddie Quennell, Rosemary Larkin (R), Sue Kormendy (B), Anne Provart sister of Joe Kormendy (B), John Mazan (R), Barb Delanghe (B), Eugene Barron Piggott; Barbara Graham (B), Marilyn Chauvin (T), Bob Fisher (T), Connie Murray (B), Michelle MacLean (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.

**Please pray for Vocations:** Mrs. Annette Donovan-Panchaud, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Donald Pumputis; Mrs. Lisa Kumidaj, Coodinatro of Youth Ministry; Rev. Alan Momney; Rev. John Johnson; Deacon Joel Beneteau

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

April 11 - CWL/St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary

**Communal Penitential Service** - Sunday April 13 at 3pm at St. Joseph's Church, Chatham

#### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

St. Mary's - Wed, April 9, 8:30-11am, 1:30-6pm  
St. Michael's - Wed, April 9, 9-11am, 1:30-6pm  
- School Reconciliation Friday April 11  
St. Paul's - Wed, April 9, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

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 10am will be livestreamed from St. Michael's.**

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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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