

St. Helen Church



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Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

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Office hours:

Monday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed all Statutory holidays

Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

Sacraments:

Baptism:

Sundays at 12:30pm

Call parish office.

1st Communion & Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage:

Arrangements six months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

RCIA & RCIC:

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery.

Chronic Care Facilities:

Pastoral visits are made monthly.

Reception of Holy Communion is available to Catholic residents.

Catholic Funeral Rites:

When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Homebound:

Notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs. When the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended time, pastoral visit can be arranged.

Schools:

St. Mark School

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff
Vice-Principal: Mary Lee Kelly

St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

Contacts:

Music Ministry:

Anthony van Engelen
adve1@yahoo.com

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am

(unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

Ministry Scheduling & RFM:

Georgina Belanger ~ sthelenministryscheduling@gmail.com

Fundraising Events:

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st.h.prayerwarriors@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen
st.helen.ppc@gmail.com

Kindly complete the following and place in the collection box.

Envelopes will be on the round table in the foyer the following weekend.

New Parishioner*

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Change of address

Phone _____

Moving

E-mail _____

City _____

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

January 18, 2026

Mass Intentions

January 20 - 25, 2026

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Tue. ~	.....	Jan. 20th
9:00am	+ Members of Princen Family (by Yvonne MacNiven)	
Wed. ~	.....St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	Jan. 21st
9:00am	Special Intention of Teresa Pachereva (by Nancy Winslow)	
Thurs. ~	.....	Jan. 22nd
9:00am	+ Kevin Van Den Elzen (by Van Den Elzen Family)	
Fri. ~	.....	Jan. 23rd
10:00am	+ Geoff Barlow (by Jean Barlow)	
Jacob		
Sat. ~	.....	Jan. 24th
5:00pm	Pro Populo Dei	
Sun. ~	.....	Jan. 25th
9:00am	+ Anne Hales (by Yvonne MacNiven)	
11:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Kate D'Onofrio)	

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your
Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of
service to those over whom he presides so that, together
with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

POPE LEO XIV JANUARY INTENTION

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be
nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our
communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and
missionary Church.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Last year we emailed some of the tax receipts which was
both convenient and cost savings. If you would like
your 2025 tax receipt emailed when it is ready, **send a
new email to the office with the subject line PLEASE
EMAIL MY 2025 TAX RECEIPT.**

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2026 offertory envelopes which were not
picked are in the office now. Please call the
office to arrange a pick up. Please dispose of
any old envelopes (2025) you may have.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of

KEVIN VAN DEN ELZEN

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's
presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held 18-25 January, will draw together churches across the globe to **"there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"** (Eph. 4:4) For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic, and Evangelical Churches. These resources were developed, written, and discussed at the historic spiritual and administrative headquarters of the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia, during the inspiring days of the blessing of the Muron (holy oil) and there-consecration of the Mother Cathedral, on September 28-29, 2024, following extensive renovations over ten years. This commemoration provided the people of Armenia and the members of the drafting group with a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common Christian faith that remains alive and fruitful in our churches today. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.



THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

In the St. Helen Church Hall
4106 Mountain Rd., Beamsville, ON
Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am
Delicious Lunch Available

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

Pizza available at 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I will give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation. (*Is 49*)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*1 Cor*)

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (*Jn 1*)



By our baptisms, we are called to be witnesses and prophets of the “Lamb of God” along the Jordan Rivers of our homes, schools and work places.

Christ’s presence among us is a time for new beginnings: an invitation to walk from the shadows of hatred and mistrust to the light of understanding and peace, a chance for healing our brokenness and mending our relationships with one another, a call to be seekers of hope and enablers of reconciliation in our own time and place.

Through our own acts of compassion and generosity, of justice and forgiveness, we proclaim that “the Lamb of God” walks in our midst, that the love and mercy of God has dawned upon us.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS CHALLENGE



Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000.00, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500.00 (more great prizes available)!!!

Submission deadline is April 17, 2026.

Visit: bit.ly/Saint-Challenge for more information or check out our parish website or contact us at: evangelization@saintcd.com

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2026 from 7:00-9:00pm

Topic: Dealing With Fear

For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

There will be a SVDP meeting on Thursday, **January 22 at 10:00 am** in the boardroom.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after **9:00am** Mass.

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for all married couples.

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Address: Lyman Streets, St. Catharines, ON

*Mass is being celebrated for All Married Couples especially those with significant 2026 Anniversaries. Reception to Follow. No registration needed. *

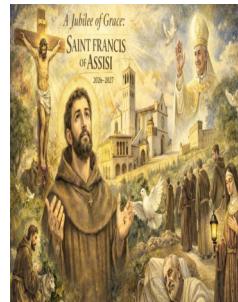
All are welcome !!!

NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR LIFE

This is a pro-life club starting at Niagara College (Niagara-on-the-Lake campus). This club is dedicated to upholding the value of all human life. We will meet several times a month to discuss pro-life topics, take part in fun activities, and educate others on this cause!

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please email studentsforlife1@gmail.com.

A JUBILEE YEAR OF GRACE: THE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



By decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued on January 10, 2026, at the request of Pope Leo XIV, the Church has solemnly proclaimed a special Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, running from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. This Jubilee Year commemorates the 800th anniversary of his passage into heaven of Saint Francis (+1226), the Seraphic Patriarch and one of the most beloved saints in Christian history. This jubilee is offered as a gift of grace to all the faithful so that this anniversary may become a moment of authentic spiritual renewal in our own time. This decree emphasizes the enduring relevance of Saint Francis in today's world. His radical Gospel life was marked by poverty, humility, peace and love for creation and continues to speak powerfully to a humanity wounded by division, violence and indifference. The Holy Father invites all Christians to **“become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the Seraphic Patriarch,”** transforming hope into concrete charity and a sincere commitment to peace. In this jubilee, the Church calls us, the faithful, to rediscover Francis not merely as a gentle lover of nature, but as a man conformed to Christ Crucified, whose life was a proclamation of the Gospel.

Throughout the entire Year of Saint Francis, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence, applicable either to oneself or in suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.





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