

St. Helen Church



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Opened - October 2, 1938

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

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

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

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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 _____

Postal Code _____

2nd Sunday of Easter - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Year A

April 12, 2026

Mass Intentions April 14 - April 19, 2026

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

Tues. ~ 6:00pm Apr. 14th + Maria & Helmut Grascha <i>(by Furbacher Family)</i>
Wed.~ 9:00am Apr. 15th Special Intention Kephren Kouassi <i>(by Aude Kouame)</i>
Thurs. ~ 9:00am Apr. 16th + Hyacinth Hinds <i>(by Carol Harry & Family)</i>
Fri. ~ 10:00am Apr. 17th + Jan Rogalski <i>(by Ladies of St. Helen Parish)</i>
Sat.~ 5:00pm Apr. 18th Pro Populo Dei
Sun.~ 9:00am Apr. 19th + Members of Luppino Family <i>(by Rose & John Luppino)</i>
11:00am	+ Elizabeth Carlozzi <i>(by Brent & Sandra MacLennan)</i>

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have been attending Mass here, ensure that you are registered by completing the tear off section at the front of this bulletin. Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. In the future, should you be in need of a pastoral letter (godparent, school, sponsor for confirmation, teacher referral, etc.), it would be difficult to issue one if you are not formally registered with the parish. If you are not sure that your family is registered, call or email the office.

POPE LEO XIV APRIL INTENTION

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week on Tuesday after **6:00pm** Mass, Wednesday, Thursday after **9:00am** Mass

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: sthelen@saintcd.com



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

CIPRO and SOLERNO FAMILIES

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

Next available openings are on **Sept. 13 & 27 and October 18**. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please, contact our parish office. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

HEARTS ON FIRE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS



All are invited to St. Helen/St. Joseph's "Hearts on Fire" Catholic conference for both youth and adults. Featuring guests are Chris Bray, inspirational Catholic speaker and award winning Christian musician, along with other Dynamic Clergy and Ministry Leaders. Also included: Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship Music, Exciting Youth Program, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Catholic Vendor Market, Holy Mass, Light lunch included !!!

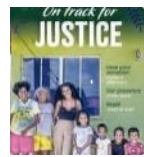
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 8:30am - 3:15pm

Location: Blessed Trinity High School

Address: 145 Livingston Ave, Grimsby, Ontario

Tickets are now on sale on Eventbrite

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



We will continue to collect funds until the end of April. Please make cheques payable to St. Helen Parish for tax purposes. Our parish collected so far **\$3,915.00**.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Vineyard, our diocesan journal has gone digital. To enrol for a free online subscription, please send an e-mail to: vineyard@saintcd.com.



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

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

All who believed were together and had all things in common *Acts 2*
God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (*1 Peter*)

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them. (*John 20*)



We trace our roots as parish and faith communities to Easter night when Jesus “breathed” his spirit of peace and reconciliation upon his frightened disciples, transforming them into the new Church.

The “peace” that Christ gives his new Church is not a passive sense of good feeling or the mere absence of conflict. Christ’s peace is hard work: the peace of the Easter Christ is to honor one another as children of the same Father in heaven; the peace of the Easter Christ seeks to build bridges and find solutions rather than assigning blame or extracting punishment; the peace of Christ is centered in relationships that are just, ethical and moral.

The “peace” that the Risen Christ breathes into us at Easter shows us a way out of those tombs in which we bury ourselves; the forgiveness he extends enables us to get beyond the facades we create and the rationalizations we devise to justify them. Jesus’ entrusting to the disciples the work of forgiveness is what it means to be the church: to accept one another, to affirm one another, to support one another as God has done for us in the Risen Christ. What brought the apostles and first Christians together as a community – unity of heart, missionary witness, prayer, reconciliation and healing – no less powerfully binds us to one another as the Church of today.

While today’s Gospel has been ready by the Church as Jesus’ instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the whole Christian community possesses the power to “forgive” and “retain,” and the grace to “bind” and “loosen.” The Risen Christ gives to every one of us the “power,” the “authority,” the grace to forgive and to bind one another in love.

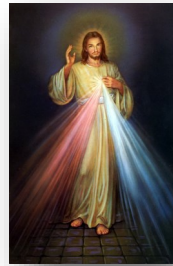
All of us, at one time or another, experience the doubt and skepticism of Thomas: While we have heard the good news of Jesus’ empty tomb, all of our fears, problems and sorrows prevent us from realizing it in our own lives. In raising his beloved Son from the dead, God also raises our spirits to the realization of the totality and limitlessness of his love for us. We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain long after our own experiences of resurrection. Our “nail marks” remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God we experience from others and that we extend them.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2025 Financial statement is now available. If you would like to receive it, please send an email request to the parish office.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "**throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.**" St. Joseph Parish will host the Divine Mercy Liturgy on: **April 12, 2026 at 2:30pm.**

2026 ACTS CANADA RETREAT



ACTS is acronym for:

Adoration- God’s Call, your acceptance and answer

Community- loving, caring for each other

Theology - “studying” through scripture and our faith

Service - to God and His people

“Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life.”

Women’s Retreat – April 16 - 19th, 2026

Men’s Retreat – May 21st - 24th, 2026

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON.

Women’s Contact: Rosemary Shoemaker (647)640-6951 or 342shoe75@gmail.com (Women’s Retreat)

Men’s Contact: Alex Brandolini (416)554-8543

or brandolini74@gmail.com (Men’s Retreat)

For more info, please visit our

website: www.actscanada.org

RIGHT NOW PETITION CAMPAIGN

This past November 2025, **Right Now**, Canada’s political Pro-Life organization, released undercover videos (www.exposeabortion.ca), exposing Canada’s late-term abortion industry and how common 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions are in Canada.

In response to our shocking findings, **Right Now and Burnaby Pro-Life are launching a national petition campaign**, asking the Parliament of Canada to introduce and pass legislation to ban the horrific practice of late-term abortion. Canada is currently alone in the world with no legislation to protect pre-born babies. This petition campaign runs until Sunday, May 31, 2026. We kindly request your support and invite you to sign this petition which is located at our church entrance.

Thank you for your support !!!

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