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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

Office Administration: Patti Belancic

Book keeping: Lidia Molinaro

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

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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 _____

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

November 30, 2025

Mass Intentions December 2- 7, 2025

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

Tue.~ 9:00am	 Dec. 2nd + Cady McLaughlan (by Nancy Winslow)
Wed. ~ 9:00am	 St. Francis Xavier, Priest..... Dec. 3rd Special Intention of: Happy 60th Birthday Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik !!! (by Helen Parish)
Thurs.~ 9:00am	 Dec. 4th + Libero Palmieri (by Giuseppe & Lina Compagnone)
Fri. ~ 9:00am	 Dec. 5th + Ursula Elia (by Connie & Louis Elia)
Sat. ~ 11:00am 5:00pm	 Dec. 6th Funeral Mass Gino Francavilla Special Int. Derek & Joanie Haight (by Zofia Haight)
Sun. ~ 9:00am 11:00am	 Second Sunday of Advent..... Dec. 7th Pro Populo Dei Special Intention of Olga Misek (by Christine & Zofia Haight)

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 DECEMBER INTENTION

For The Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal
thoughts might find the support, care and love they need
in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

LIFT UPDATE

Our Lift fundraising continues. Our goal is \$100K. As
of November 16, we have raised **\$76,107.85**. The
envelopes are available on fundraising thermometer.
E-transfers or cheques are accepted. Thank you for your
generosity.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of

MIKE & TERESA COMMISSO

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 **May 24, June 7 and
June 14**. 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.

BECOME A PRAYER WARRIOR & JOIN OUR ST. HELEN EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY



Be part of a simple but powerful ministry,
praying for others through email. If you
have a request or would like to be part of
this ministry, please get in touch with:
st.h.prayerwarriors@gmail.com

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY FR. KRZYSTOF !!!



The entire parish family of St. Helen
extends its warmest wishes and
abundant prayers to Fr. Krzysztof as he
celebrates this significant milestone:

his **60th** birthday !!!

For the past 7 years, Father has shepherded our flock
with unwavering love, faith and wisdom. His dedication
to the Sacraments, inspiring homilies have touched
countless lives and enriched our community. We are
grateful for his guidance and genuine love he pours into
our parish family. May this special day be filled with
joy, peace and all his favorite things. We pray the Lord
continues to bless him with good health, renewed
strength and abundance grace as he leads us forward.

Happy Birthday Father !!!



THURSDAYMORNING 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

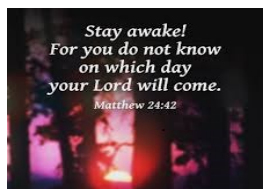
Pizza available at 6:00pm, games start at 7:00pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace of the Kingdom of God. (Is 2)

Salvation is nearer to us now. (Rom 13)

Keep awake, you must be ready. (Mt 24)



These first days of Advent confront us with the reality that this life of ours is indeed limited, that the moments we are given in this experience of life are precious and few, that death is a reality that

we all inevitably face.

Advent calls us to “stay awake” and not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God and the things of God, to “watch,” to pay attention to the signs of God’s unmistakable presence in our lives.

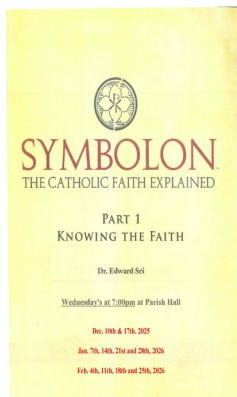
Our lives are a constant Advent of waiting: waiting to become, to realize, to complete, to restore. Though such waiting can be agonizing, frustrating, and terrifying, Advent is about waiting in hope, anticipating the good that is possible and purpose that can be fulfilled in the dawning of God’s Christ. Advent “waiting” is not passive, disengaged waiting for we don’t know what, but waiting that anticipates and makes possible now, for what is to come. (Creighton Online Ministries)

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 app, 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, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: bit.ly/Saint-Challenge for more information or check out our parish website or contact us at: evangelization@saintcd.com.



SYMBOLON - THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Everyone is welcome to our 2 parts program “Symbolon” by Dr. Edward Sri. The first part (10 sessions) “*The Catholic Faith Explained*” will begin on **Dec. 10th at 7:00pm.** at the parish hall.

Participant’s book (\$20.00) will be available for purchase. Please sign up the sheet so we will know how many books should be ordered.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent season every Thursday **7:00pm.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next Meeting: December 8, 2025 from 7:00-9:00pm

Topic: Benefits of Waiting and Advent Prayer Service

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

MESSAGE OF HOPE SPEAKER SERIES



Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Kafie

Location: St. Alexander Parish
50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

Topic: Hopeful Dying - reframing Hope at the End of Life

Date: December 9th, 2025

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

OUR PARISH ANNIVERSARY WAS A SUCCESS

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our Parish Anniversary dinner. The evening was a beautiful celebration of our community’s history and spirit. A special thank you goes out to the entire Anniversary Dinner Committee, speakers and volunteers. From our beautiful Mass, that was celebrated by Bishop Bergie and Father Krzysztof, honoring the journey God has led us on, to the parish hall looking spectacular, so warm and welcoming, our speakers who were both engaging and entertaining.....well done everyone!!!

Thank you to everyone who attended and shared in this joyous occasion. We are blessed to be part of such a vibrant and supportive parish family!!!

If you were present, you already know that during the speeches the cheque of total **\$387,500.32** was presented to the Bishop to pay off our portion of the mortgage the parish owed to the diocese. As of December 1, 2025 our mortgage will stand as **\$1,513,065.85.**

ST. HELEN’S ANNUAL MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Memorial Christmas Angel

Tree glows with lights in memory of deceased loved ones and friends. To honour a memory of a loved one with an angel, complete a “*Memorial Christmas Angel Tree*” envelope available at the entrance of the church and place it in the collection basket or simply stop in at the **office reception window** during office hours with your request. The tree will be up during Advent.





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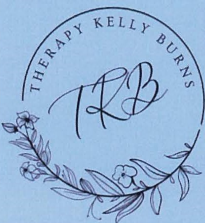
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