

St. Helen Church



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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

Principal: Jeff Moccia

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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 _____

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A

January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions

January 6 - 11, 2026

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

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| Tue.~ 9:00am |St. Andre Bessette..... Jan. 6th + Gerry DiLettere (by Viola & Peter Izzo) |
| Wed. ~ 9:00am | ..St. Raymond of Peryafort, Priest. Jan. 7th + Gejo Hendriks (by Yvonne MacNiven) |
| Thurs.~ 9:00am | Jan. 8th + Ronald Miller (by Angus Reid) |
| Fri. ~ 10:00am Albright | Jan. 9th + Bob Hargrave (by Nancy Winslow) |
| Sat. ~ 5:00pm | Jan. 10th Pro populo Dei |
| Sun. ~ 9:00am 11:00am |The Baptism of the Lord..... Jan. 11th Spec Int of: Kelly Burns (by St. Helen Friends) + Antonietta & Stefano Carbonara (by Josie & Vern Dell) |

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.

LIFT UPDATE

We have exceeded our Lift fundraising goal of \$100K.
As of December 28, we have raised \$118,263.64.

A Great THANK YOU to everyone who
supported this fundraising!!!



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of
ROBERT CURIK

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 **July 5 & 12 and Aug 2**
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 or send a request.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are available in the vestibule of the church.
Please ask for assistance when picking them
up. If you would like to use envelopes and don't have
any, please contact our parish office. In January, please
dispose of any old envelopes you may have.



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.**



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
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FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (*Is 60*)
Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise. (*Eph 2*)
We have come from the East to pay homage to the king. (*Mt 2*)



Epiphany calls us to a new vision of the world that sees beyond the walls and borders we have created, and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and

sisters under loving providence of God, the Father of all.

The magi's following of the star is a journey of faith, a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God that each one of us experiences in the course of our own lives.

What we read and watch and listen to in search of wealth, fame and power are the "stars" we follow. The journey of the magi in Matthew's Gospel puts our own "stargazing" in perspective, calling us to fix our search on the "star" of God's justice, peace and compassion.

-- Dn. Jay Cormier

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.

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC MEN'S

SPEAKER SERIES:



Speaker: Fr. Benjamin Weber

Subject: The Daily Battle For Purity
"Cleanliness of heart holds a distinguished place above virtues..." - St. Augustine

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Talk: 7:30 pm

Social Hour: 8:30 pm

Location: The Cathedral
3 Lyman St., St. Catharines

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

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next Meeting: January 12, 2026 from 7:00-9:00pm

Topic: TBA

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

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: Corner of Church and 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 !!!

CHRISTMAS SEASON, NOT SIMPLY ONE DAY

While so many of our cultures only celebrate the build-up to Christmas, as a faith community we celebrate Christmas for the next several weeks. And, there is much to celebrate here, much to enter into more deeply. Too often, the days before Christmas are too busy to enter into the meaning of the feast or to reflect on the daily scriptures and the graces that are offered to us, in our concrete life circumstances. The first week is a time for us to enter into the stories of special saints who are associated with the Birth of our Lord because of their innocence: our first martyr and the Disciples Jesus loved. Next week, we return to stories of Jesus' life and ministry.

WELCOME

Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome to St. Helen Parish Family, our newest member:



JULIET SERAFINO CASALUCE

May God bless you as you begin this beautiful spiritual journey with our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

St. HELEN'S CLEANING MINISTRY

Can you volunteer 2 hours a month to help clean the church? To join our team of dedicated cleaners, please contact the parish office. With winter colds, flus and vaccinations, we often find ourselves short of help, making it more burdensome on the ones who can make it. Please consider this worthwhile ministry which keeps our parish looking clean, sparkly and fresh -**do you have 2-4 hours a month you can commit?**



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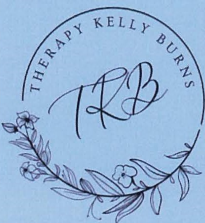
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