

# 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](http://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

## **Contacts:**

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### **Prayer Warriors/Requests:**

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### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen

[st.helen.ppc@gmail.com](mailto: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 Baptism of the Lord - Year A

## January 11, 2026

### Mass Intentions

January 13 - 18, 2026

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

Tue.~	.....	Jan. 13th
9:00am	Thanksgiving for Graces Received (by Vien Family)	
Wed. ~	.....	Jan. 14th
9:00am	+ Lemmen Family (by Yvonne MacNiven)	
Thurs.~	.....	Jan. 15th
9:00am	Special Int: Gerard Vogel (by Anna & Silvano Sabucco)	
Fri. ~	.....	Jan. 16th
10:00am	Special Int: Helen Hendriks (by Nancy Winslow)	
Menno		
Sat. ~	.....St. Anthony, Abbot.....	Jan. 17th
5:00pm	+ Nando Marrese (by Peter & Viola Izzo)	
Sun. ~	.....	Jan. 18th
9:00am	+ Dorothea Joycelyn MacNiven (by Yvonne MacNiven)	
11:00am	Pro populo Dei	

### 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

### DECEASED MEMBERS OF CIPRO & SALERNO 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 **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 he subject line PLEASE  
EMAIL MY 2025 TAX RECEIPT.**



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subscription, please send an e-mail to: [vineyard@saintcd.com](mailto: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 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.

(Isaiah 42)

The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10)

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him. (Luke 3)



Baptism is more than just a “naming” ceremony but an ongoing process of becoming the people of faith that God calls us to be.

In baptism, we claim the name of “Christian” and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

Our baptisms made each one of us the “servant” of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the “beloved Son” and “favor” of God.

In baptism, the same Spirit of compassion, justice and peace that “descends” upon Jesus at his baptism by John descends and rests upon us, compelling us to take on the work of the Gospel.

Jesus steps into the water to renew the world, to transform it, and to embody justice. This moment reminds us that faith is never passive. Jesus begins his ministry with an act showing that God’s justice is rooted in solidarity and love. As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open and the Spirit descends like a dove: gentle and life-giving and a voice comes from the sky: “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Before Jesus ever performs a miracle, preaches a lesson, or heals a person, He is called *Beloved*, and the Spirit is with him.

### 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, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500



(more great prizes available)!!!

**Submission deadline is April 17, 2026.**

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



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

## 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

### 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](mailto: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 !!!

### 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](mailto:studentsforlife1@gmail.com).

### St. HELEN’S CLEANING MINISTRY

Can you volunteer 2 - 4 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?**

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: [sthelen@saintcd.com](mailto:sthelen@saintcd.com)





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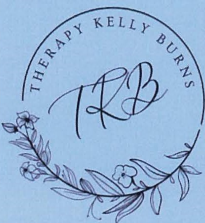
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