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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:

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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions December 23 - 28, 2025

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

Tue.~	Dec. 23th
9:00am	+ Belinda Rea <i>and</i> + Antonietta Caruso (by Peter & Viola Izzo)	
Wed. ~	CHRISTMAS EVE..... Dec. 24th
5:00pm	+ Clara Agro (by the Family)	
11:00pm	+ Martin O'Grady (by Sue Zuzek)	
Thurs.~	CHRISTMAS DAY..... Dec. 25th
10:00am	Special Int. of Zofia Haight & Family (by Josephine & Vince Pucci)	
Fri. ~	ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR	Dec. 26th
10:00am	+ Vito & Maria D'Orio (by Giuseppina & Genaro Elia)	
Jacobs		
Sat. ~	Dec. 27th
5:00pm	Pro Populo Dei	
Sun. ~	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Dec. 28th
9:00am	+ Angela Ricci (by the Ricci Family)	
11:00am	+ Pasquale Burgio (by Giuseppina Burgio)	

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,

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 December 14, we have raised \$92,258.64. 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

JIM & MICHAEL SENKOLOWKI

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 **June 28** and **July 5 & 12**. 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

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.



**NO BINGO
THIS WEEK**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Look the virgin is with child. (Is 7)
Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God. (Rms 1)
Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David. (Mt 1)



In Christ, the Spirit of God who inspired the prophets to preach, who enabled the nation of Israel to enter into the covenant with Yahweh, intervenes and sanctifies all of human history.

The “mystery” of the Incarnation is not that God could become one of us – the inexplicable part is how and why God could love humankind enough to humble himself to take on the human condition and walk with us, talk

with us, die for us.

We have reason to rejoice and to hope, for in our midst dawns **Emmanuel** – “God with us.”

Joseph, the “just” and “upright” man, is a model of compassion, forgiveness and faith for all of us who are moms and dads, children, brothers and sisters.

God’s coming depends on “Josephs” – men and women of humility, selflessness and openness of heart and spirit – to welcome him and embrace his presence in our midst.

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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24:

4:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

5:00 p.m. Early Christmas Eve Mass

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

11:00 p.m. Midnight Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 a.m.

New Year - Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

BISHOP’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
It seems at this present moment that we are walking in darkness. Our world and country are facing many challenges that seem overwhelming at times. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to see a way forward. That is why we need the light.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John we read the following: *"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world"* (John 1 :6-9).

John is referring to Jesus, who tells us that he is the Light of the World: *"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness"* (John 12:46).

At Christmas we celebrate the fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The light has entered the world so that we would be saved from the darkness of sin and death. Here we see the great generosity of God the Father in giving to us the gift of his only begotten Son.

As we know, shades of darkness remain in our world. As followers of Jesus, we still need to *"testify to the light so that all may believe in him"*. A powerful way for us to do this is to be generous and follow the example of God the Father who gave us Jesus, the Light of the World.

Across our diocese, I have been inspired by many faith-filled individuals who have given of their time, talents, and financial resources to spread the light of Christ by helping others. Their actions remind me of how blessed I am to be your bishop.

Thank you for your generosity and love. You are indeed helping many who walk in darkness to see a great light.

At Christmas and throughout the year this helps to strengthen the weary and inspire hope.

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, grant you a joyous Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie,
D.D. Bishop of St. Catharines

TAX RECEIPTS - Deadline for 2025 donations for inclusion on 2025 tax receipt is December 28th, Feast of the Holy Family (11:00a.m. Mass).

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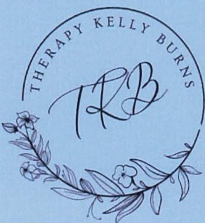
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