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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

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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

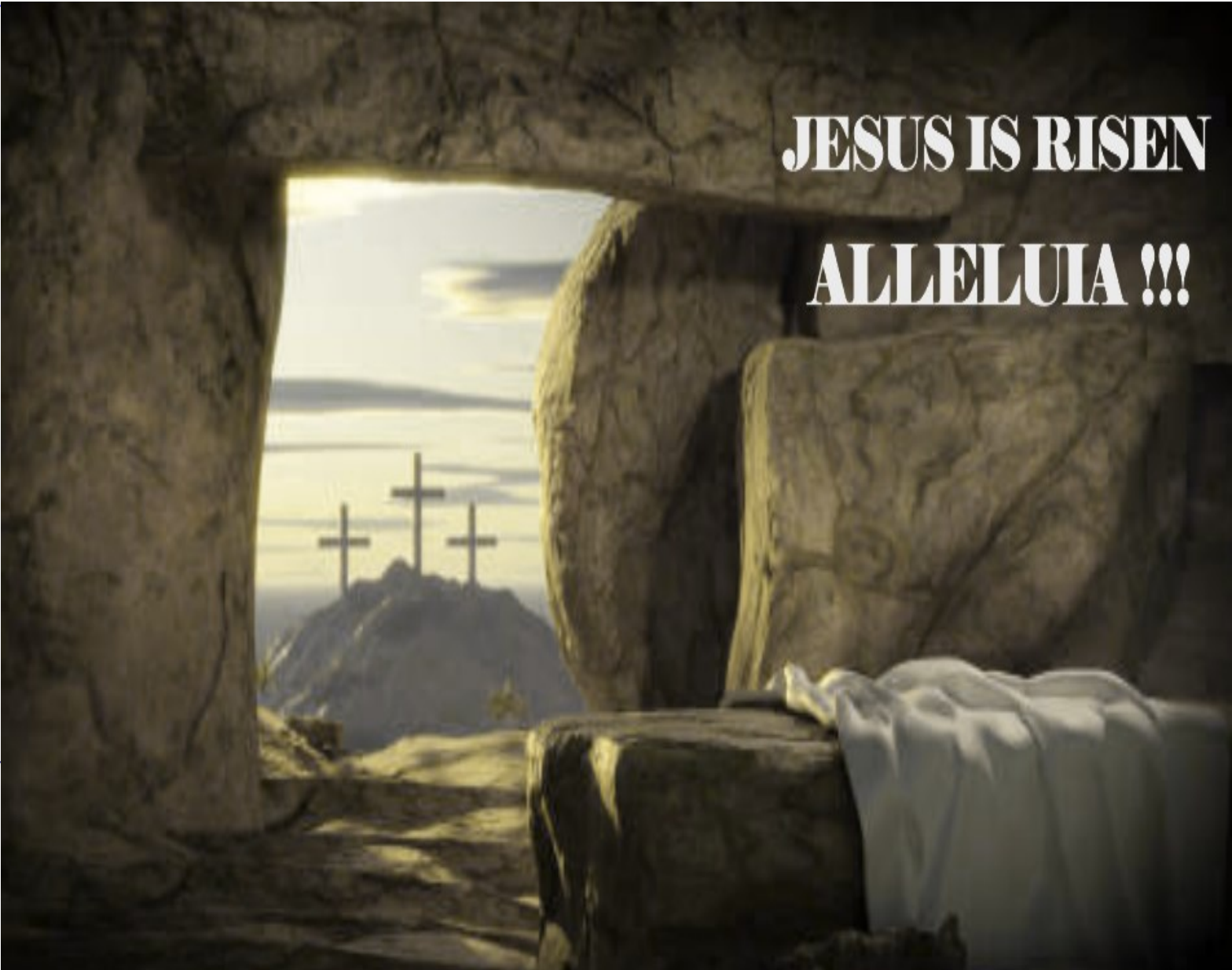
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Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

JESUS IS RISEN

ALLELUIA !!!



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord - Year A

April 5, 2026

Mass Intentions

April 6 - April 12, 2026

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

Mon.~	.....Easter Monday	Apr. 6th
9:00am	Special Intention <i>(by Simon Milavec)</i>	
Tues. ~	.....	Apr. 7th
6:00pm	+ Joe Fabbro <i>(by Joyce & Ed Fabbro)</i>	
Wed.~	.....	Apr. 8th
9:00am	+ Louise & Romano Ballatori <i>(by Ricci Family)</i>	
Thurs. ~	.....	Apr. 9th
9:00am	+ Gemma Poole <i>(by Maria & Piera Palmieri)</i>	
Fri. ~	.....	Apr. 10th
10:00am	+ Pietro & Orsola Elia + Michael & Olga D'Alessio <i>(by Louie & Connie Elia)</i>	
Sat.~	.....	Apr. 11th
5:00pm	Pro Populo Dei	
Sun.~	.....Divine Mercy Sunday	Apr. 12th
9:00am	+ Sarah Colby-Dobell <i>(by Yvonne MacNiven)</i>	
11:00am	+ Maggie Smyth <i>(by Pijl Family)</i>	

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 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 and Wednesday & Thursday after **9:00am** Mass



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the deceased members of the

FABBRO FAMILY

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 11**. 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

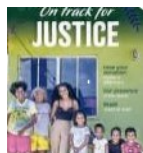
Location: Blessed Trinity High School

Address: 145 Livingston Ave, Grimsby, Ontario

****Tickets are now on sale on Eventbrite:*

EARLYBIRD promo, until April 5th ***

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 **\$3,535.00**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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



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

EASTER SUNDAY

God's servant knows how to hear and speak (*Isaiah 50*)
God exalted Jesus, who emptied himself. (*Philippians 2*)
The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 26*)



While the Easter mystery does not deny the reality of suffering and pain, it does proclaim reason for hope in the human condition. The empty tomb of Christ trumpets the ultimate **Alleluia**: that love, compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness will ultimately triumph over hatred, bigotry, prejudice, despair, greed and death. The Easter miracle

enables us, even in the most difficult and desperate of times, to live our lives in hopeful certainty of the fulfillment of the resurrection at the end of our life's journey.

The Risen Christ is present to us in the faithful witness of every faithful follower of Jesus who shares the good news of the empty tomb, who seeks to bring resurrection into this life of ours: to rise above life's sufferings and pain to give love and life to others, to renew and re-create our relationships with others, to proclaim the Gospel of the empty tomb.

Today we stand, with Peter and John and Mary, at the entrance of the empty tomb; with them, we wonder what it means. The Christ who challenged us to love one another is risen and walks among us! All that he taught – compassion, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, sincerity, selflessness for the sake of others – is vindicated and affirmed if he is truly risen. The empty tomb should not only console us and elate us, it should challenge us to embrace the life of the Gospel. With Easter faith, we can awaken the promise of the empty tomb in every place and moment we encounter on our journey through this life.

In Matthew's Easter Gospel, the Risen Jesus instructs the stunned Mary and her companion to **"go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."** Galilee is the place where Peter and the others were first called, where everything began - to return there means to see everything they experienced in following Jesus in the light of the cross and the empty tomb. Returning to Galilee transforms the horror of the past week into the new, radiant light of Easter - and, in that new light, their lives and ours are forever made new and whole. This Easter, may we make our way back to the Galilees of our life, to meet again God's Risen One in the reconciling and healing peace of this holy season.

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 **April 12, 2026 at 2:30pm.**

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, the ancient hymn the *Exsultet* is proclaimed. In one of the verses of this ancient hymn, we find the following words, *"O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a redeemer!"*

Heaven and earth are called to exult because of God's triumph over sin and death. From this passage, we are also called to joyfully acknowledge the theological paradox found in the fact that without the sin of Adam, we would not have received "so glorious a redeemer". This 'happy fault' (felix culpa) created something very good in the coming of Jesus Christ.

As we look around us today, we see a world that seems to be filled with many 'faults' that do not make us very happy. The world has been redeemed in Christ; however, the effects of sin are still with us.

The Feast of Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and reminds us that from death comes life. We celebrate the fact that something good can come from something bad and that sadness can be transformed to joy.

When faced with the growing hostility and insecurity in our world, our response should not be one of passive resignation or fear. We need to turn to our Risen Lord who has triumphed over sin and evil. We should focus on the good that is found in our salvation - *"O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!"*

We are called to model Mary Magdalene who, after encountering the Risen Jesus, proceeded to tell others, *"I have seen the Lord"* (John 20:18). To witness to Christ points the world to what is good, true, and beautiful as a counter to sin, confusion, and the ugliness of war and conflict. Jesus brings hope that things can change for the better because we have been redeemed.

Our diocese has embarked on a Pastoral Plan that focuses on a simple mission. We want to set hearts on fire with God's love. As faithful disciples of Jesus, we all have a role in this task which is at the heart of evangelization. Let us adjust our gaze from a world that is mired in the effects of sin to the Risen Lord who offers healing and hope. This Easter, let us call others to do the same, especially our family members and friends. *"O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a redeemer!"*

Wish prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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

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