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Office hours:
Monday **10:00am – 12:00pm**
Tuesday, Wednesday & 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: 9:00 AM
(unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:
Daily after morning Mass weekdays.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:
1st & 3rd Sunday at 12:30 pm
Call parish office.

1st Communion & Confirmation
Contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of 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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:
Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins.

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.

Chronic Care Facilities:
Pastoral visits are made monthly. Reception of Holy Communion is available to residents.

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.

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If you are new in our parish and would like to join our parish family, please contact parish office.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

November 8, 2026

Mass Intentions
November 10 - 15, 2026
As we gather, let us remember and pray for….

Tues. ~ 6:00pm **St. Leo the Great, Doc of the Church Nov. 10th**
+ John Burns
(by Kelly Burns)

Wed. ~ 9:00am **…….St Martin of Tours, Bishop... Nov. 11th**
+ Jozef & Janina Bolzan
(by Nagler Family)

Thurs. ~ 9:00am **…St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.. Nov. 12th**
+ Andrew Hendriks
(by Josie & Vern Dell)

Fri. ~ 10:00am Albright ……... **Nov. 13th**
+ Tony Zanni
(by Peter & Viola Izzo)

Sat. ~ 5:00pm ……..…. **Nov. 14th**
+ Mary & Ladislaw Viscek
(by Agnes & Mato Sutlic)

Sun.~ 9:00am …… **Nov. 15th**
+ Judith Van Doorslaer
(by Van Doorslaer Family)

11:00am Pro Populo Dei

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have been attending Mass here, ensure that you are registered by completing the tear off section at the front of this bulletin. Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. In the future, should you be in need of a pastoral letter it would be difficult to issue one if you are not formally registered with the parish. If you are not sure that your family is registered, call or email the office.

POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

GEORGE CELEST

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's p ce in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Next available openings are on **January 3, 10, 24, 31** and **April 11, 2027**. If you would like to book the sanctuary lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention, please contact our parish office.
Cost is $35.00 per week



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday after **6:00pm** and Wednesday & Thursday after **9:00am** Mass.

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement, ***Deo Gratias***. This collection will support the Clergy Aid Society, which provides a monthly benefit as well as health insurance to priests at age 75. As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our retired priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal CPP benefits and Old Age Security, along with their benefit from the Clergy Aid Society to pay for basic needs including food, rent, and car expenses. Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the ***Deo Gratias*** special collection. You may return your special collection envelope at mass or to the parish office.

SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker: Fr. Yohander Mora
Subject: Called to Serve: The Heart of a Christian Man.
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others…"
Date: Thurs., November 12, 2026
Talk: 7:30 pm
Location: Our Lady of the Scapular Church.
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SACRED ART - BEAUTY THAT LEADS US TO GOD

Why should we care about sacred art?

Because what we see can help open our hearts to what we cannot see. A beautiful image of Christ, a stained-glass window, or a carefully crafted crucifix can draw us out of distraction and into prayer. Sacred art gives visible expression to our faith and reminds us that our church is a place of encounter with the living God.

The foundation of Christian sacred art is the Incarnation. In Jesus Christ, the invisible God became visible. The Son of God took a human face, lived among us, suffered, and rose again. Because God entered our visible world, material things - wood, stone, glass, paint, and gold - can help communicate His love and glory.

Sacred art has accompanied the Church from her earliest centuries. Christians decorated the Roman catacombs with images of the Good Shepherd, biblical scenes, and signs of resurrection. These images expressed hope amid persecution and death. As Christianity gained freedom in the fourth century, churches developed rich mosaics and paintings depicting Christ, Mary, and the saints.

In 787, the Second Council of Nicaea affirmed the proper veneration of sacred images, distinguishing it from the worship owed to God alone. Honour shown to an image passes to the person represented. Throughout the Middle Ages, sculpture, frescoes, and stained glass helped teach the faith, especially when many people could not read. Later generations added magnificent paintings and architecture. The Second Vatican Council reaffirmed sacred art's purpose: to turn human hearts reverently toward God.

What, then, does sacred art add to our sanctuary?

It helps us recognize the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. A crucifix directs our attention to Christ's sacrifice, made sacramentally present in the Eucharist. Images of saints remind us that we worship in communion with the whole Church, on earth and in heaven. Beauty encourages silence, reverence, gratitude, and wonder.

Sacred art serve the liturgy, harmonize with the sanctuary, and lead our attention toward Christ. Its value goes beyond decoration or expense. Even a simple, thoughtfully chosen image can speak deeply to a grieving person, awaken a child's curiosity, or invite someone returning to church to pray.

When we care for sacred art, we care for a language of faith that reaches across generations. We offer those who enter our church an invitation: pause, lift your eyes, and let your heart be drawn toward the Lord, whose beauty and mercy endure forever.

THANK YOU NOTE

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the unveiling of our "Christus Vincit" icon and Harvest Supper. Your presence made this celebration of faith and fellowship truly special. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated organizers, generous donors, and volunteers whose gifts, time, and hard work brought everything together. May Christ, our victorious King, bless you abundantly, and may this beautiful icon inspire us to welcome His reign more fully into our hearts, homes, and parish.

CWL WARMVEMBER DONATIONS

The parish CWL is requesting donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, toques and hats for people of all ages who are facing financial difficulties or who are currently unhoused. Your donations can be placed in the basket which can be found at the front entrance to the church. Your support is very much appreciated.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers are extended to the families and friends who mourn the loss of:



JAN MISEK

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ST. HELEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Join us for our annual St. Helen's Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 28, 2026 from 9:00am – 1:00pm.** We will have unique vendors & crafts, bake sale, plant sale, lunch and refreshments. Please, stop by to kick off your Christmas shopping and enjoy the seasonal cheer with your family and friends.**SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!**

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Next Meeting: November 9 from 7:00pm - 9:00
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