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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:

St. Mark School

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Vice-Principal: Mary Lee Kelly

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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 _____

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

December 7, 2025

Mass Intentions December 9 - 14, 2025

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

Tue.~ 9:00am Dec. 9th + Angela & Sylvestro Izzo (by Peter & Viola Izzo)
Wed. ~ 9:00am Dec. 10th + Family Zutt (by Joyce & Eddie Fabbro)
Thurs.~ 9:00am Dec. 11th Spec Int: Nancy Winslow (by Zofia & Christine Haight)
Fri. ~ 10:00am Albright Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12th In Honour of Madonna de Libera (by Giuseppina & Genera Elia)
Sat. ~ 5:00pm Dec. 13th Pro Populo Dei
Sun. ~ 9:00am 11:00am Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 14th + Members of Dell Family (by Josie & Vern Dell) + Maria Armandina DaSilva (by Cristina Badia)

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: sthelen@saintcd.com
Check us out: www.sthelenscatholic.ca
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The Vineyard, our diocesan journal has gone digital. To enrol for a free online subscription, please send an e-mail to: vineyard@saintcd.com.

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 1, we have raised \$86,925.85. The envelopes are available on fundraising thermometer.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during
ADVENT season will be every
Thursday at **7:00pm**.
Sacrament of Reconciliation also available.



E-transfers or cheques are accepted. Thank you for your generosity.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the
Special Intention of
CHRISTINA, JOSEPH, JENNIFER PUGLIA

SANCTUARY LAMP

Next available openings are on **June 7, June 21 and June 28**. 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.

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



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
will be up



request. The tree
during Advent.

THURSDAYMORNING 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With righteousness he shall judge the poor. *(Is 11)*
Christ has saved all people. *(Rom 15)*
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. *(Mt 3)*



In our own baptisms, we take on the role of **prophet** of Christ: to “proclaim” in our ministries, in our compassion and our kindness, in our commitment to what is right that Jesus the Messiah has come.

John’s message calls us to “live” our baptisms every day of our lives, growing in the “knowledge of the Lord” (Isaiah 11: 9) and living as “wheat” rather than lifeless straw (Matthew 3: 12).

Advent is the season for realizing Isaiah’s vision of the “peaceable” kingdom: for seeking common ground, for recognizing the humanity we all share and building upon our common interests, values and dreams.

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.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next Meeting: December 8, 2025 from 7:00-9:00pm

Topic: Benefits of Waiting and Advent Prayer Service

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



MESSAGE OF HOPE SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Kafie

Location: St. Alexander Parish
50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

Topic: Hopeful Dying - reframing
Hope at the End of Life

Date: Dec. 9th, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24:

5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec. 25:

10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM CWL

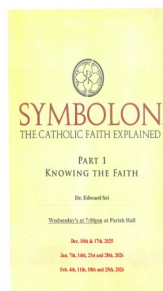
A heartfelt thank you, to our Parish Community for your kind and generous support during Socktober and Warmember. We were able to distribute the donations between 3 charities; the local Community Care, Chez Marie Refugee Centre and The Northend Church in St. Catharines. Donated were: Socks-303 pairs, Gloves & Mitts - 32 pairs, Toques-22, Scarves-16, Baby Blankets-6, Long Sleeve Tops-4, PJ pants -1 pair, and 1 small bag of toiletries. Your support helps provide essential services to those who need them most.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

Sincerest gratitude to all who baked, shopped, BBQ'd, volunteered, donated the raffle basket, set up or participated in any way with our Bazaar. We would like to thank the crafters who supported us with their businesses. Very special thanks to Hendriks Cosmic Plants and The Arbory Ltd. Greenhouses for generously donating the plants for the plant sale. Very special thanks also goes out to the ladies who organized the bake sale as well. Their efforts to rally the bakers to provide a wonderful assortment of baked goods, cakes and spring rolls brought in over **\$2,000.00** on its own. Overall, it was a great day of fun and with the community & your support we raised total of **\$5,700** towards our debt reduction. To Nancy, our coordinator, who worked tirelessly to organize this great bazaar and her committed “team of helpers”- **THANK YOU!** A big thank you also to our grade 8 and high school volunteers. Without your combined efforts, this would not have been possible.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE !!!

SYMBOLON - THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



Everyone is welcome to our 2 parts program “Symbolon” by Dr. Edward Sri. The first part (10 sessions) “*The Catholic Faith Explained*” will begin on **Dec. 10th at 7:00pm.** at the parish hall. Participant’s book - strongly encouraged for purchase (\$20.00) will be available. Please sign up the sheet so we will know how many books should be ordered.

THANK YOU

I would like in a simple words to say from the bottom of my heart a **HUGE THANK YOU** to each and everyone who made this birthday a special one for me. Your love and support is extraordinary and for that I am forever grateful. XOXO





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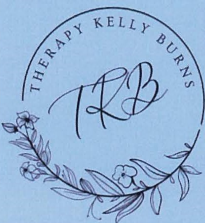
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