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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

(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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Vice-Principal: Mary Lee Kelly

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Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen

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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 _____

Postal Code _____

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C - **Gaudete Sunday** December 14, 2025

Mass Intentions December 16 - 21, 2025

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

Tue.~	.....	Dec. 16th
9:00am	+ Anna & Angelo DiLettera (by Peter & Viola Izzo)	
Wed. ~	.....	Dec. 17th
9:00am	+ Michael & Olga D'Alessio + Peter & Orsula Elia (by Connie & Louis Elia)	
Thurs.~	.....	Dec. 18th
9:00am	+ Pat & Eilen Burns (by Burns Family)	
Fri. ~	.....	Dec. 19th
10:00am	+ Msgr. Dominic Pizzacalla by St. Helen Parish	
Sat. ~	.....	Dec. 20th
5:00pm	Pro Populo Dei	
Sun. ~	.....	Dec. 21st
9:00am	Special Int. of Josie & Vern Dell (by Josie & Vern Dell)	
11:00am	+ Rick Palmieri (by Giuseppe & Lina Compagnone)	

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 7, we have raised \$90,343.64. The envelopes are available on fundraising thermometer. E-transfers or cheques are accepted. Thank you for your generosity.



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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
JOHN HAIGHT

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 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.

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.



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

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

Pizza available at 6:00pm, games start at 7:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God himself will come and save us. (Is 35)

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. (Jms 5)

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another? (Mt 11)



Advent/Christmas is the season of hope: The birth of Christ restores our dreams for “blossoming deserts” (Reading 1) and new harvests, for renewed relationships with God and with one another.

The Christ of Christmas comes to heal the divisions among families and friends, to re-create our world in the mercy and justice of the Messiah, to renew our lives in the joy and hope of the God of unimaginably endless love.

John's question, *Are you the Messiah?* confronts us with the apparent silence of God in our secular, amoral society. We must come to recognize the Messiah in the humble, merciful, liberating person of Jesus, the healer and reconciler.

The question Jesus pose – *What did you go out to the desert to see?* – challenges us to take on the hard and never-ending Advent work of conversion and re-creation, of rediscovering what we want are lives to be for and about.

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: January 12, 2026 from 7:00-9:00pm

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

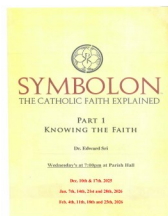
Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24:

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

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

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

SYMBOLON - THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



Our 2 session of “Symbolon” entitled “Divine Revelation” by Dr. Edward Sri will take place on **Dec. 17h at 7:00pm.** at the parish hall. If interested please call parish office. Participant’s book - strongly encouraged for purchase (\$30.00) will be available.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



To cut cost and save money, we continue with new arrangements that have begun a few years ago.

If you are donating via e-transfers or AFT you won’t get a box of envelopes, but will be assigned a number. If you wish to donate for different occasions, please use pink envelopes and write your first and last name.

For the **regular users**, box of envelopes will be provided. **Occasional users** will get a number only and are asked to use pink envelopes which can be found in the pews.

Please, **do not help** yourselves with the envelopes, ask for assistance, your number might have changed.

If you have had #250 or higher in previous year, your envelope # has definitely changed.

If you have any question in regard of this new arrangement, don’t hesitate to contact parish office.

Thank you for understanding.

Let’s control our waste, be green, be proactive!!!

WELCOME

Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome to St. Helen Parish Family our newest members:

OVLIA ALEJANDRA BRAR



May God bless all of you as you begin this beautiful spiritual journey with our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

OUR CONDOLENCES

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



GINO GFRANCAVILLA

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

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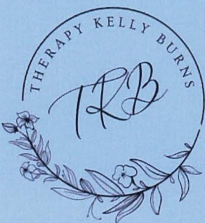
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