

# St. Helen Church



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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](http://www.sthelenscatholic.ca)

## 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

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff

Vice-Principal: Angela Villella

### St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

## Contacts:

### Music Ministry:

Anthony van Engelen

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## 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

## Ministry Scheduling & RFM:

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## Prayer Warriors/Requests:

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## Parish Pastoral Council:

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\*

Change of address

Moving

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to use offertory envelopes\*

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# The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

## January 12, 2025

### Mass Intentions

January 14-19, 2025

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

Tue.~	.....	Jan. 14th
9:00am	Spec Int: Loris & Bonnie Savegnago <i>(by Viola &amp; Pietro Izzo)</i>	
Wed. ~	.....	Jan. 15th
9:00am	+ Bud Nelligan <i>(by Mary O'Gorman)</i>	
Thurs.~	.....	Jan. 16th
9:00am	Special Int: Nancy Winslow <i>(by Loris &amp; Bonnie Savegnago)</i>	
Fri. ~	.....	Jan. 17th
10:00am	<b>St. Anthony, Abbot</b> Special Int: Helen Hendriks <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
<b>Memo</b>		
Sat. ~	.....	Jan. 18th
5:00pm	+ Anna Zona <i>(by Viola &amp; Pietro Izzo)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....	Jan. 19th
9:00am	+ Geoff Barlow <i>(by Jean Barlow)</i>	
11:00am	+ Libero Palmieri <i>(by Maria &amp; Piera Palmieri)</i>	



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

**JOSEPH HACK**

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

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The next available opening for the Sanctuary Lamp is **May 25th**. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please contact the office sooner rather than later as the year is filling up. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

### DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every fourth Monday at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. Next session will take place on **Monday, January 13th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Topic: The Catholic Faith and Divorce**  
For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: [separateanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separateanddivorced@saintcd.com).

### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTION

*For the right to an education:*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



2025 offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please ask for assistance when picking them up. If you would like to use the envelopes and don't have it contact parish office. Please discard and recycle any **old** offertory envelopes from 2024 and prior years. Those numbers may be reassigned to someone else and your contributions would be posted to another account.



### 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 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

### 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 (godparent, school, sponsor for confirmation, teacher referral, etc.), 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.

### PRAYER TEAM/WARRIOR



To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact [sandbmac@gmail.com](mailto:sandbmac@gmail.com)

### 2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Last year we emailed most of the tax receipts which was both convenient and cost saving. If you would like your 2024 tax receipt emailed when it's ready in January, send a new email to the office with the subject line **PLEASE EMAIL MY 2024 TAX RECEIPT**.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.  
(Isaiah 42)

The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10)  
When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon  
him. (Luke 3)



Baptism is more than just a “naming” ceremony but an ongoing process of becoming the people of faith that God calls us to be.

In baptism, we claim the name of “Christian” and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

Our baptisms made each one of us the “servant” of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the “beloved Son” and “favor” of God.

In baptism, the same Spirit of compassion, justice and peace that “descends” upon Jesus at his baptism by John descends and rests upon us, compelling us to take on the work of the Gospel.

## St. HELEN'S CLEANING MINISTRY

Can you volunteer 2 hours a month to help clean the church? To join our team of dedicated cleaners, please contact the parish office. With winter colds, flus and vaccinations, we often find ourselves short of help, making it more burdensome on the ones who can make it. Please consider this worthwhile ministry which keeps our parish looking clean, sparkly and fresh - **do you have 2 hours a month you can commit?**

## MASS INTENTIONS 2025



If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, contact the parish office. The Mass stipend or offering given is **\$10.00**. Mass cards are **\$2.00**. Intentions are already booked into March 2025, so book soon.

## REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN LOVING MEMORY

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy. In Memoriam Donations to the Building Fund are appreciated and accepted.



## CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address? Please notify the office to keep our records accurate. You can also use the tear off on the front of the bulletin to notify us.



Join us daily for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:00am Mass



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### *What is a Jubilee Indulgence?*

The Jubilee Indulgence is a special blessing or “favour” from the treasury of the Church which a person can receive in a Holy Year. It is granted through the power of Christ to any individual who is truly repentant of sin and asks, through prayer or action, for this blessing. This plenary indulgence offers God’s unlimited grace and mercy as the individual seeks to lessen the guilt and residual effects or consequence of sin that often remain, even after those sins have been forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church identifies this residual effect as temporal punishment. (CCC 1471). As well, an abled-bodied person seeking the Jubilee Indulgence must complete one of these actions and conditions:

1) Making a pilgrimage to a sacred designated Jubilee site in Rome, in the Holy Land, or other national sanctuary like the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, ON, and while there, participate in mass or other prayer (*i.e. celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Marian Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, or penitential celebration with individual confessions*)

2) Visiting a sacred place like a Cathedral church and those designated by the local bishop, and while there, participate in mass, other prayer service (*i.e. celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Marian Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, or penitential celebration with individual confessions*)

Bishop Bergie has designated the following churches and spiritual centres as local Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of St. Catharines:

- A. Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines)
- B. St. Vincent de Paul Church (73 Picton Street, NOTL - the oldest church in our diocese)
- C. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Miller Road, Welland)
- D. Gethsemane Ministries (84008 Wellandport Road, Wellandport)
- E. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls)

3) Performing the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy in a church or suitable place and participating in faith formation activities on the Catechism of the Catholic Church or other church documents.

For those who cannot fulfill the conditions to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence listed above because of advancing age or serious health concerns, it is still possible to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence as long as the individual is truly repentant of sin and is united in spirit with the faithful who are taking part in person in any of the Jubilee solemn celebrations, pilgrimages or pious visits. These persons should offer up the sufferings and hardships of their lives and recite: the Jubilee Prayer, Profession of Faith, Our Father, Hail Mary, and pray for Pope Francis and his special intentions.

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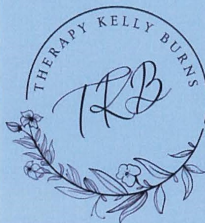


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