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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:

St. Mark School

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Vice-Principal: Angela Villella

St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

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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 _____

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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

February 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

February 11 - 16, 2025

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

Tue.~	.....	Feb. 11th
9:00am	+ Gerard Dekonig <i>(by Andy & Helen Hendriks)</i>	
Wed. ~	.....	Feb. 12th
9:00am	+ Lucia Di'Orio <i>(by Connie & Louis Elia)</i>	
Thurs.~	.....	Feb. 13th
9:00am	Special Int: Nancy Winslow <i>(by Helen Hendriks)</i>	
Fri. ~	St. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop	Feb. 14th
9:00am	Special Int: Don & Rita Moyer <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Sat. ~	.....	Feb. 15th
5:00pm	+ Angela & Sylvestro Izzo <i>(by Viola & Peter Izzo)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....	Feb. 16th
9:00am	+ Maria Armandina Da Silva <i>(by Christina Badia)</i>	
11:00am	Pro Populo Dei	

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ," bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



2025 offertory envelopes are available at the parish office. If you would like to use the envelopes and don't have it contact the 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. You can also contribute via e-transfer or AFT. If you need more info please contact parish office.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF MONDA FAMILY

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 **June 22, 2025**. 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 second and fourth Monday at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. Next session will take place on **Monday, February 10th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
Topic: Overcoming Loneliness
For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE



To commemorate the **2025 World Day of Marriage**, Bishop Bergie will celebrate a special Mass on this **Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm**, at the

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have or will celebrate their 1st, 25th, 40th 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary in the year 2025. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are ready for pick up. If you would like your 2024 tax receipt emailed, send a new email to the office with the subject line PLEASE EMAIL MY 2024 TAX RECEIPT.



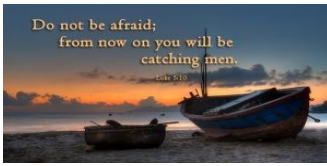
THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Are Isaiah, Paul and Peter “worth it” in this way? Let us look at Sunday’s readings and see if these men fit the current definitions.

First, prophet Isaiah receives a vision of heaven itself. The Lord is seated on a high and lofty throne. The Seraphim angel choir is crying out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” It seems that Reading One, Isaiah reacts with shame. “*My eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! But woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips.*” In response, an angel swoops down with a burning coal to cleanse his lips !!! He is doomed, alright, but doomed to be made clean through suffering, to be made able through it to speak of God.

Second, St. Paul says that Christ appeared to him last of all, as to one born abnormally.

“*For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God.*” Unworthy, yes, but did the grace of God discard him? No, it appointed him a key Apostle even though he had never even met Jesus.

Third, there is the famous Gospel story. Jesus tells Peter, James and John, to fish in the deep water (where they had been fishing and fishing all night with no results.) Without warning, their nets are bloated with fish. Peter cries out, “*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*”

Experience of God let them understand that they are far, far less than God. We react with shame, but notice that God does not say in return, “**I reject you,**” BUT, “**I love you dearly. Come be with me, you fine human being.**”

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Summary of the Holy Father's Pope Francis Wednesday catechesis:

Today we will contemplate the beauty of Jesus Christ our hope in the mystery of the Visitation. The Virgin Mary visits Saint Elizabeth; but it is above all *Jesus*, in His mother’s womb, who *visits His people* (cf. *Lk 1:68*), as Zechariah says in his hymn of praise. After the astonishment and wonder at what has been announced to her by the Angel, Mary gets up and sets out on a journey, like all those who are called to in the Bible, because “the only act with which man can respond to God who is revealed to him is that of unlimited readiness” (H.U. von Balthasar, *Vocation*, Rome 2002, 29). This young daughter of Israel does not choose to protect herself from the world; she does not fear dangers and the judgements of others, but goes out towards other people. Let us ask the Lord today for the grace to be able to wait for the fulfilment of every one of His promises; and to help us to welcome Mary’s presence in our life. By following her example, may we all discover that every soul that believes and hopes “conceives and begets the Word of God” .



Praying Fasting Almsgiving

Wednesday, February 19th (max 80 people) or
Saturday, March 1st (max 100 people)
at: Mount Carmel -7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls
please arrive between 8:00a.m. - 8:45a.m.
program starts at 9:00a.m. - bring a journal!
Cost \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)
(no afternoon session; Retreat ends after lunch)
Guest Speaker: Domenic Inneo
“**Freedom in Christ: Understanding and Removing Common Blockers**”

Cheque payable to: *CWL of Canada-St. Catharines Diocese*

To register contact the president by: **February 10th**
either cwls005@gmail.com or call Alda 289-493-1704.

PARISH MISSIONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Bishop Bergie is asking as many parishioners as possible across the Diocese complete the Parish Missional Health Assessment. This is a tool to help define a clear, realistic picture of every parish’s strengths and growth areas. Please visit <https://dpc4olay0gt.typeform.com/> **MissionalHealth** and take a few minutes to complete the brief survey. You will get instant, personalized results delivered straight to your inbox. All results are also submitted anonymously to the diocese to give a comprehensive overview of how we are fulfilling our missionary call to evangelize.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY CHILDREN’S LITURGY

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with the Sunday children’s liturgy. Commitment would be 1-2 times a month. Sign up sheet will be available at the back of our church or you may also contact the parish office.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11

In this Jubilee year 2025, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, we also celebrate the 33rd World Day of the Sick. In this year’s message, “*Hope does not disappoint*” (*Rom 5:5*), but strengthens us in times of trial”, Pope Francis encourages us to become “*pilgrims of hope*”. The World Day of the Sick reminds the faithful to pray for the sick; it invites us to reflect upon the meaning of human suffering; and it recognizes and honours all persons who work in the healthcare field.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect. The next Hamilton Retrouvaille weekend is **March 7 – 9, 2025**. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

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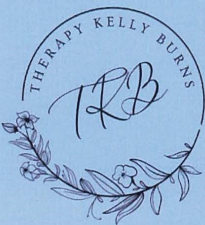
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