

St. Helen Church



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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

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff

Vice-Principal: Angela Villella

St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

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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 _____

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

November 3, 2024

Mass Intentions

November 5 - November 10, 2024

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

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| Tue.~ | | Nov. 5th |
| 12:00pm | + Bienvenido Cuadra <i>(by Gloria & Manolito Cuadra)</i> | |
| 6:00pm | + Julie Zuzek <i>(by Louis & Connie Elia)</i> | |
| Wed. ~ | | Nov. 6th |
| 9:00am | + Pietro & Ursula Elia and + Michael & Olga D'Alessio <i>(by Louis & Connie Elia)</i> | |
| 12:00pm | St. Mark School Mass | |
| Thurs.~ | | Nov. 7th |
| 9:00am | Special Intention of Josie Vern <i>(by Vern Dell)</i> | |
| Fri. ~ | | Nov. 8th |
| 10:00am | + Geoff Barlow <i>(by Jean Barlow)</i> | |
| Albright | | |
| Sat. ~ | | Nov. 9th |
| 5:00pm | Pro Propulo Dei | |
| Sun. ~ | | Nov. 10th |
| 9:00am | + John Patrick Burns <i>(by Kelly Burns)</i> | |
| 11:00am | + Julie Zuzek <i>(by Kelly Burns)</i> | |

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

There will be St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Wednesday, **November 6th at 10:00am**. Everyone is welcome to attend.



PRAYER TEAM/WARRIOR

To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact sandbmac@gmail.com



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

NICOLA BONACCI

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention for **2025**, please contact the office. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. **Next session will be Monday, November 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm - Topic: Working Through Anger.** For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTION

For anyone who has lost a child:

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

HOSANNA CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

Come celebrate Christmas with 120+ voices - Hosanna Christmas Concert in support of Choose Life Niagara and Clarity Pregnancy Options, **Friday, November 15 at 7:30pm**, Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick. Refreshments, freewill offering.

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: sthelen@saintcd.com



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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hear, O Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. (Deuteronomy 6)

Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. (Hebrews 7)

This is the first commandment. And a second is like it. (Mark 12)



To love as God calls us to love demands every fiber of our being: heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is in our love and compassion for one another that humanity most closely resembles God; it is in our charity and selflessness that we participate in God's work of creation.

In the two "great commandments" we discover a purpose to our lives much greater than our prejudices, provincialism and parochialism; in them, we find the ultimate meaning and purpose of the gifts of faith and life.

Our rituals and sanctuaries mean nothing before God if they are devoid of the love and compassion Christ calls us to embrace. It is too easy to be so caught up with externals and rubrics that the essence of our faith slips away from us.

God's kingdom is realized in every act of compassionate charity and selfless sacrifice, when our humanity most resembles God; it is built of the respect and honor we afford to all God's sons and daughters, for in our love and care for them, we most sincerely praise God.

TO E-TRANSFER YOUR DONATIONS

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Go online, log into your bank account. **Select Interac e-transfer** and select a recipient – the first time you will have to add recipient sthelen@saintcd.com **Input amount** to send and complete the transaction. Note in the **memo** area what your donation is for; Sunday Offertory (SO), Facility Maintenance (FM) and Building Fund (BF). **(Include your ID#/name in the memo area).** **Note - Automatic monthly withdrawals is also available. Contact the parish office to get started!**

REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2024. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office.

THE FATHER'S FATHER VIDEO SESSIONS

Come join us for 6 weekly video sessions with discussions, approx. 1 hour starting Wednesday, **Nov. 6th** at 10:00am following the weekday Mass in Angela Prokich Great Memorial Hall. For more info contact Frances Hendriks at (289) 668-6602.


ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have not registered, complete the tear off section at the front of this bulletin. If you are not sure that your family is registered, call or email the office. Any changes to mailing address, phone numbers and email address should be sent in as well. Thank you for your cooperation.



At all the Masses for the month of November, we will pray for the souls of our loved ones. Use the **Remembrance Envelope** to submit the names of the deceased for whom you wish parish prayers and Masses offered. (Extra envelopes available on the round table.) **CLEARLY print the names of the deceased loved ones and friends on the envelope and drop it in the collection box or bring it to the parish office.**

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION



The Diocese of St. Catharines is blessed to have retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, almost 65 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others.


Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. At age 75, priests in the Diocese of St. Catharines begin receiving a monthly benefit and health insurance coverage from the Clergy Aid Society. Next weekend, **November 9 & 10**, our parish will take up the annual **Deo Gratias** to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the Deo Gratias collection this year. You may return your special Deo Gratias envelope at Mass next weekend or the following week

Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

CWL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please plan to attend our next general meeting on **Tuesday, November 5th**. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm, followed by the Rosary and Benediction. Join us for coffee and a short business meeting at 7:00pm in our parish hall.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REAP OUR RIGHTS TOGETHER!



In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis reminds us that "everything is connected" and "no one is saved alone" (LD, 19). This is why peasant farmers in the Global South need our solidarity to ensure that their rights are respected.

"The rights enshrined in UNDROP provide a clear pathway for peasants in countries like Nigeria to enjoy access to land, and the gifts of nature, and to live in dignity. They expect Canada to make laws to hold her companies accountable and prevent them from polluting the environments and abusing people and the planet in our country."

— Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director, HOMEF

If you haven't already done so, please **sign our campaign letter at devp.org/act** to ask Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation.

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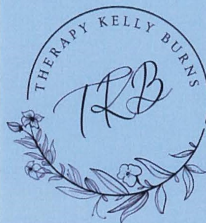


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