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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



Catholic Funeral Rites.

Ministry Scheduling & R.M.

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

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year C

April 20, 2025

Mass Intentions

April 21 - 27, 2025

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

Mon.~ 9:00am EASTER MONDAY Apr. 21st
	Special Int. of Fr. Krzysztof 's Family
Tue.~ 9:00am Apr.22nd
	+ Bert Lang (by Eva Micheltmore)
Wed. ~ 9:00am Apr. 23rd
	Special Int: Vince & Josephine Pucci (by Zofia Haight)
Thurs.~ 9:00am Apr. 24th
	Special Int: Christian Adams (by Zofia Haight)
Fri. ~ 10:00am Jacobs Apr. 25th
	+ Peter & Ursula Elia and + Michael & Olga D'Alessio (by Connie & Louie Elia)
Sat. ~ 5:00pm Apr. 26th
	Pro Populo Dei
Sun. ~ 9:00am DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Apr. 27th
	+ Helena Sowa (by Zofia Haight)
11:00am	+John Fracchioni (by Maria & Piera Palmieri)

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.

VOTING LIKE A CATHOLIC:

A federal election will take place in Canada on **April 28**. Catholics have a moral obligation to vote, if they are eligible. However, it can be difficult to find clear, unbiased information on the different parties' plans so as to make an informed vote. Catholic Conscience, a non-partisan lay group dedicated to civic engagement, have created a number of resources that could help you discern your vote. A quick reference guide you may find on their website: www.catholicconscience.org/canada/federal/2025federal.

BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL!!!



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

VINCE & JOSEPHINE PUCCI

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 **November 2, 2025**. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please contact the office. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

MARCH FOR LIFE:



Choose Life Niagara invites high school and post-secondary students to join us on our annual March for Life trip to Ottawa! We plan to depart the Vineland Carpool lot at 5:00am **Thursday, May 8 and return at 9:30 pm Friday, May 9**. Cost is \$120.00 and includes the National March, the Youth Conference, the Rose Dinner, hotel accommodations, and coach bus. For more info and to register, visit chooselife.ca/events or email info@chooselife.ca.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2024

Everyone is welcome to **St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby** for Divine Mercy Sunday starting at **2:30pm**. There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the prayerful recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and individual confession. Join us as we pray together and call on the Lord's mercy!.



THURSDAYMORNING BINGO

In the St. Helen Church Hall
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Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am
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FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

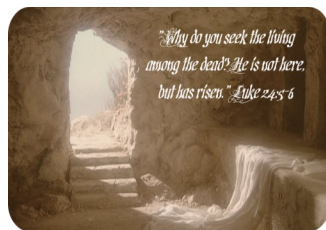
Pizza available at 6:00pm, games start at 7:00pm

RECOGNIZING JESUS

Everyone who believes will receive forgiveness of sins through Christ's name (*Acts 10*).

Celebrate the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (*Cor 5*)

Mary of Magdala arrived at the tomb while it was still dark. (*John 20*)



Today, we should rise early and go with Mary of Magdala to discover the empty tomb.

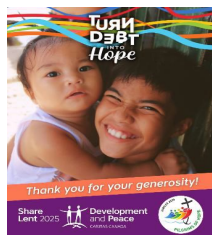
There, in the darkness, we should feel the astonishing reality that Jesus rose from the dead. When we think of a

loved one that we have lost in this life, the idea of them waking and rising can be overwhelming.

Yet today, it seems Jesus can be forgotten in the midst of happy chatter over Easter brunches, the good feeling of a new Easter outfit, not to mention that the Easter Bunny seems more popular than Jesus.

Today requires a somber visit to the empty tomb and the overwhelming realization that this is not just a story.

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected so far \$1,154.60.**

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. The funds will be collected until April 30.

FAITH NOURISHING WOMEN'S CATHOLIC MINI RETREAT

Join us on **May 3, 2025 from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM** here, at our **St. Helen parish**, for a day of reflection, prayer and sisterhood at our **Women's Catholic Mini Retreat**, where your faith will be nourished !!!



For further details and where to buy tickets, please visit the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/faith-nourishing-womens-catholic-mini-retreat-tickets-1292050510859?utm_campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his letter announcing the Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis stated the following, *"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring"* (Spes Non Confundit - Hope does not disappoint).

As we consider the world at this present moment, there are serious concerns regarding what the future may bring. Fear of the future can disturb our peace and rob us of hope.

"Be not afraid" (Matthew 28:10). These were the first words spoken by Jesus on Easter morning. This simple phrase was addressed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary because they were overwhelmed by the empty tomb. Jesus wanted to restore their hope by helping them to overcome their fear.

St. John reminds us that **"there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear"** (1 John 4:18). When these two women met the Risen Lord, they encountered "perfect love". Their fear vanished and their hope was restored because Jesus was alive!

Our celebration of Easter can help us to overcome our fear. When we allow 'perfect love' to transform our hearts we become pilgrims of hope. The most perfect place for this to happen is at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where we commemorate and celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Here the Risen Lord will come to us in word and sacrament. We will be encouraged to listen and to 'taste and see the goodness of our God'. Our hardened hearts will be pierced by perfect love. All fear will be vanquished by a profound hope for the future.

This year I invite you to come to Easter Sunday Mass as 'pilgrims of hope'. Let us invite others to join us as we encounter the Risen Lord who will remind us that hope does not disappoint. **"Be not afraid"**.

May God bless you with joy and hope this Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Diocese of St. Catharines

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies:

Let us pray that the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crisis of our times.



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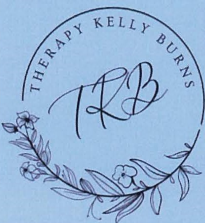
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