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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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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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord - Year C

April 13, 2025



Mass Intentions

April 15 - 20, 2025

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

Tue.~ 9:00am Apr. 15th In honor of Madonna della Libera (by <i>Giuseppina Elia</i>)
Wed. ~ 9:00am Apr. 16th + Kevin Van Den Elzen (by <i>Kate & Steve D'Onofrio</i>)
Thurs.~ 7:00pm HOLY THURSDAY Apr. 17th Special Int: Christian Adams (by <i>Zofia Haight</i>)
Fri. ~ 3:00pm PASSION of the LORD Apr. 18th Good Friday Service
Sat. ~ 8:15pm HOLY SATURDAY Apr. 19th + Jerry Dilettara (by <i>Viola & Peter Izzo</i>)
Sun. ~ 9:00am EASTER SUNDAY Apr. 20th + Josephine Kozlowska (by <i>Nagler Family</i>)
11:00am	+ Alex & Angelina Prokich (by <i>Maria & Joe Hrvatin</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.

Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire them to live in peace and joy. Amen.

VOTING LIKE A CATHOLIC: A federal election will take place in Canada on April 28, 2025. 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 (in English and in French) is attached to this Update. Other resources may be found on their website: www.catholicconscience.org/canada/federal/2025federal.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

ALEX & ANGELINA PROKICH

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 **October 12, 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, April 14th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Topic: What Is Forgiveness ?

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



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.

VINEYARD LENTEN ISSUE

Here is a link to the Lenten issue of the Vineyard <http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>.



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

HOSANNA

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
(Lk 19) *Procession*
God has given me a well-trained tongue. (Is 50)
He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. (Phil 2)
This is my body, which will be given up for you. (Lk 22)



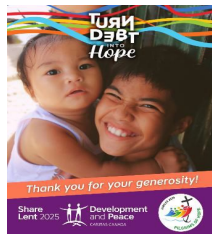
Holy Thursday ends our celebration of Lent. Our Lenten preparations have been focused on improving our response to God's call so that we, His children, will be ready to come home

and live for all eternity. Jesus, our eldest brother, has showed us how to live his life so that we can gain eternal life. Our readings today show us how Jesus freely became the eternal perfect sacrifice - the one sacrifice which could open the gates of heaven so that we could have our sins forgiven and forgotten. The sacrifice instituted the New Covenant with God; the covenant in which we are no longer God's slaves, but His children. As with all covenants, this covenant is sealed with a meal, a meal in which all parties partake and which is offered to God. Then offering to God is described in Revelation 5:6 by John: *"Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders, a Lamb that seemed to have been slain."* The meal in which we partake is the Holy Eucharist promised by Jesus at Capernaum. *"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day."* (John 6:53 - 54). This meal was provided for us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

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.



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 \$845.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

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.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

PRAYER TEAM/ WARRIORS

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



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>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria -Tuesday April 15, 7:30p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:00p.m.** followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose - until **9:00p.m.**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

Good Friday Liturgy at **3:00p.m.**
Stations of the Cross at **6:00p.m.**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

Blessing of Easter Foods -**11:00a.m.**
Reconciliation - from **12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.**
Easter Vigil - at **8:15p.m.**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

9:00am and 11:00a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual Good Friday collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously. **Cheques should be made payable to St. Helen Church.**



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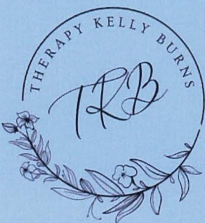
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