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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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*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 _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Postal Code _____

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

February 25 - March 2, 2025

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

Tue.~	.....	Feb. 25th
9:00am	+ Marie VanMarrewyk <i>(by Andy & Helen Hendriks)</i>	
Wed. ~	.....	Feb. 26th
9:00am	+ Maudie, John & Gary Mason <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Thurs.~	.....	Feb. 27th
9:00am	+ Emilia & Walter Celuszak <i>(by Zofia Haight)</i>	
Fri.	.....	Feb. 28th
10:00am	+ Giuseppe Capuano <i>(by Kate & Steve D'Onofrio)</i>	
Jacob		
Sat. ~	.....	Mar. 1st
9:00am	Pro populo Dei	
5:00pm	+ Angela DiLettere <i>(by Peter & Viola Izzo)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....	Mar.2nd
9:00am	+ Roberto Nalli <i>(by Delio Ricci & Family)</i>	
11:00am	+ Piera Bergero Mask <i>(by Maria & Piera Palmieri)</i>	

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of:

**KEVIN VAN DEN ELZEN
WANDA NICKOWSKI**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in
peace. 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. 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

MANUEL & MARIA MACHADO

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 24th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
Topic: Understanding Loss and Grief
For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

SPEAKER SERIES: MESSAGES OF HOPE



Speaker: Fr. Rico Passero

Subject: Hope for Today

Date: February 24, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Catholic Centre
3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are ready for pick up at the end of each Mass. They will be located at the entrance of the parish or can be picked up at our parish office.



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This week, the Gospel offers us an important message that is specifically for Christians: the love of one's enemies. Jesus asks us not only to tolerate our enemies and to be patient with them, but also to love them. This is something impressionable and certainly difficult.

It's natural to respond to opposition of an enemy in one particular manner. When one is submitted to violence, it is normal to respond with a similar violence, a desire for vengeance.

Jesus says the opposite: Love your enemies, do good to those you abhor. He doesn't only ask to have a favourable regard for them but to withdraw violent consequences by concrete acts of love. To act in their favour, to let them have a loving encounter; this is even harder yet.

The Old Testament has already begun this in a less clear, less explicit manner. The second reading does not consider the same theme as the first reading as the gospel, but it does speak of a profound change if we are to follow Christ.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

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



Today we reflect on the Infancy of Jesus.

"They saw the child...they prostrated themselves and did homage." (Mt 2:11). The Visit of the Magi to the newborn King. The foreigners, who immediately arrive to pay

homage to the Son of God who entered into history with an entirely unprecedented kingship. The Gospels tell us clearly that the poor and foreigners are invited among the first to meet God made child, the Saviour of the world.

The Magi were considered to be representatives of the three sons of Noah and of the three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe, as well as the three phases of human life: youth, maturity and old age.

The attraction of the star that appeared in the sky sets them on the move to the land of Judaea, to Jerusalem, where they meet King Herod. Herod is troubled by the fear of losing his throne, immediately contacts the scribes and asks them to investigate. "God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." (1 Cor 1:27)

When the Magi set off again, the star reappears and leads them to Jesus. The sight of the star inspires an irrepressible joy in those men because the Holy Spirit, who stirs the heart of whoever sincerely seeks God, also fills it with joy. They see an infant child; but they worship God. (CROMAZIO DI AQUILEIA), (Matthew, 5:1) The Magi thus become the first believers among the pagans, the image of the Church drawn together from every language and nation.

Let us, too follow in the footsteps of the Magi. These "pilgrims of hope" who, with great courage, turned their steps, hearts and goods towards the One who is the hope not only of Israel, but of all peoples.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY



POWER FROM ON HIGH

will take place on:

Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00am to 5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building).

Join us for Compelling Speakers, Inspiring Personal Testimonies, Powerful Praise & Worship Music, Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment, Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration & Procession. Adult Rally \$49, Youth Rally \$25 For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA ANNUAL DINNER

Please get your tickets and join us on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, with speaker Liana Gordan. Reception is at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm at CLUB ROMA. (125 Vansickle Rd, St. Catharines) Tickets are: Adult \$60.00, Students \$30.00

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. You may also contact the parish office.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting on Tuesday, **February 25 at 11:00am to 1:00pm** in the church hall. Please enter through the church doors off the parking lot.

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!

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**. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or e-mail 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.



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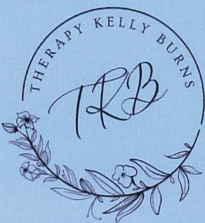
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