

# St. Helen Church



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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

**Pastor:** Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

**Office Administration:** Patti Belancic

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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](http://www.sthelenscatholic.ca)

## 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

## Contacts:

### Music Ministry:

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## 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

## Ministry Scheduling & RFM:

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## SVDP:

Lorraine Martin ~ *contact parish office*

## Prayer Warriors/Requests:

Sandra Mactaggart ~

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## Parish Pastoral Council:

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\*

Change of address

Moving

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to use offertory envelopes\*

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

## January 19, 2025

### Mass Intentions

January 21-26, 2025

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

- Tue.~ .....**St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr.....Jan. 21st**  
 9:00am + Robert Curik  
*(by Anjela Curik)*
- Wed. ~ ..... **Jan. 22nd**  
 9:00am + Bert Lang  
*(by Darlene Payne)*
- Thurs.~ ..... **Jan. 23rd**  
 9:00am + Anna Zutt  
*(by Joyce & Eddie Fabbro)*
- Fri. ~ .....**St. Francis de Sales, Bishop.....Jan. 24th**  
**10:00am** Special Int: Gerard Vogel  
**Jacobs** *(by Anna & Silvano Sabucco)*
- Sat. ~ ..... **Jan. 25th**  
**5:00pm** Pro Populo Dei
- Sun. ~ ..... **Jan. 26th**  
**9:00am** + Maria Armandina Da Silva  
*(by Christina Badia)*  
**11:00am** Pro Populo Dei

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of



**ROBERT CURIK**

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 8, 15 and 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 fourth Monday at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. Next session will take place on **Tuesday, January 28th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Topic: Embracing the New Year.**  
 For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: [separateanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separateanddivorced@saintcd.com).

### 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.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 - 25

This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. The theme chosen is **"Do you believe this?"** (John 11:26)

### 2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Last year we emailed most of the tax receipts which was both convenient and cost saving. If you would like your 2024 tax receipt emailed when it's ready in January, **send a new email to the office with the subject line PLEASE EMAIL MY 2024 TAX RECEIPT.**

### SVDP MEETING

There will be a SVDP meeting on Wednesday **Jan. 22 at 10:00 am**. All welcome to attend.

### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTION

*For the right to an education:*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### 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.



**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**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The bridegroom will rejoice over the bride. (*Isaiah 62*)  
One and the same Spirit allots these gifts to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (*1 Corinthians 12*)  
Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee. (*Luke 3*)



The love of God is manifested at its most powerful in the love between husband and wife, in marriages that are sacraments, in marriages in which Christ is the always-present Wedding Guest. As ministers of the marriage sacrament, husbands and wives, in their love for one another, mirror for all of us the great love of God in our midst.

At Cana, Jesus offers for the first time the “new wine” of Gospel hope and re-creation. We, too, are called to see our world with eyes of faith in order that we might bring the possibilities of such hope - hope that transforms hurt into reconciliation, despair into confidence, alienation into community.

## ST. MICHAEL MEN’S SPEAKER SERIES



**Date:** Monday, February 3 at 7:30pm

**Location:** St. Julia Church,  
St. Catharines

**Speaker:** Fr. Ronald Angervil

**Confessions:** 7:00pm

**Social Hour:** 8:30pm

**Topics:** The significance of numerology in our spiritual life; Ongoing purification and redemption; Blessing of candles & throats

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you volunteer 4 hours a month to help clean the church? To join our team of dedicated cleaners, please contact the parish office. With winter colds, flus and vaccinations, we often find ourselves short of help, making it more burdensome on the ones who can make it. Please consider this worthwhile ministry which keeps our parish looking clean, sparkly and fresh - **do you have 4 hours a month you can commit?**

## WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE



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

Alexandria. All married couples, especially those celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in 2025, are invited to attend. This ‘Anniversary Mass’ will become an annual event in our diocese.

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.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### *What is a Jubilee Indulgence?*



The Jubilee Indulgence is a special blessing or ‘favour’ from the treasury of the Church which a person can receive in a Holy Year. It is granted through the power of Christ to any individual who is truly repentant of sin and asks, through prayer or action, for this blessing. This plenary indulgence offers God’s unlimited grace and mercy as the individual seeks to lessen the guilt and residual effects or consequence of sin that often remain, even after those sins have been forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church identifies this residual effect as temporal punishment. (CCC 1471). As well, an abled-bodied person seeking the Jubilee Indulgence must complete one of these actions and conditions:

- 1) Making a pilgrimage to a sacred designated Jubilee site in Rome, in the Holy Land, or other national sanctuary like the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, ON, and while there, participate in mass or other prayer (*i.e. celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Marian Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, or penitential celebration with individual confessions*)
- 2) Visiting a sacred place like a Cathedral church and those designated by the local bishop, and while there, participate in mass, other prayer service (*i.e. celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Marian Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, or penitential celebration with individual confessions*)

Bishop Bergie has designated the following churches and spiritual centres as local Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of St. Catharines:

- A. Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines)
  - B. St. Vincent de Paul Church (73 Picton Street, NOTL - the oldest church in our diocese)
  - C. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Miller Road, Welland)
  - D. Gethsemane Ministries (84008 Wellandport Road, Wellandport)
  - E. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls)
- 3) Performing the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy in a church or suitable place and participating in faith formation activities on the Catechism of the Catholic Church or other church documents.

For those who cannot fulfill the conditions to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence listed above because of advancing age or serious health concerns, it is still possible to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence as long as the individual is truly repentant of sin and is united in spirit with the faithful who are taking part in person in any of the Jubilee solemn celebrations, pilgrimages or pious visits. These persons should offer up the sufferings and hardships of their lives and recite: the Jubilee Prayer, Profession of Faith, Our Father, Hail Mary, and pray for Pope Francis and his special intentions.

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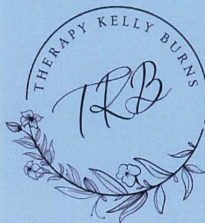
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