

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Parishioners,

Since arriving at St. Helen's Parish Fr. Konrad and I have been learning about our community and getting a sense of the state of the parish. Together we have had many long discussions about many different aspects of parish life. We decided that, at the beginning of our ministry here at St. Helen's, we would write a letter to reach out to all parishioners. With this letter we wanted to: 1) reach out to introduce ourselves; 2) explain that St. Helen's has transitioned from being a Scalabrinian-led parish to a diocesan-led parish; 3) lay out, at least in a general way, our hopes and aspirations for the parish; and 4) make an invitation to all to be part of the parish community and to also welcome new members into our parish family.

This letter is a kind of mission statement for our parish. It expresses our mandate as your spiritual fathers and how we understand our role in the community. We would like to make some good changes but we cannot do it only by ourselves. With our letter we invite each and every one of you to participate in sharing with us your past experiences as well as expressing your hopes and expectations for the future of our parish. This letter will be introduced at all the Masses celebrated this Sunday and next Sunday.

Fr. Konrad and I, along with Deacon Patrick, are happy and proud to serve you and we would like to serve you in the best possible way. We cannot however bring about a fulfillment of this service without your cooperation. We believe in you and we rely on you! Together with your engagement we can make a positive and wonderful change in our community!

In Christ,  
 Fr. Alessandro

**PARISH PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED.** If you are interested to help represent your parish at the Pro-Life Archdiocesan Events and to organize St. Helen's Parish participation in the 40 Days for Life Campaign, please contact Fr. Alessandro, 604-298-4144.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN.** Annual 40 days for Life Campaign praying for an end to abortion will be from Ash Wednesday, March 6 to Palm Sunday, April 14. Location: In front of the priests' residences, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver. All that is required is simple witnessing and praying. More witnesses and more praying, less abortions. Help reduce the number of abortion to zero. For more info please check <https://rcav.org/event/40-days-for-life-campaign/> or contact Alba Stevenson, Campaign Coordinator, 604-299-4123.

**PASTORAL STATEMENT ON HYDRATION AND NUTRITION.** Catholic Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon have written a pastoral Statement on hydration and nutrition, addressing the need to provide food & Water to the sick and dying. Please check article online <https://rcav.org/s-hydration-nutrition/>

**THE WALL OF FAITH** offers a memorable and lasting gift that should be considered for funerals and it is tax deductible. If the family of the deceased person requests a memorial donation to St. Helen's Parish on the occasion of the Funeral Mass in lieu of flowers, deceased's name will be written on the Wall of Faith. Display is in a prominent location in the lobby of the church. For more information and donations, please contact parish office.

**"Their names are written in heaven"**



**HOST AND WINE.** If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine in memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA.** Thank you for your generous support in this new evangelizing program in our parish. Books are \$10 and up, Booklets \$ 5, CDs \$ 6. All proceeds will go towards to the parish.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** in case someone suffers cardiac arrest St. Helen's Parish has an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) located to the left of the church door when you enter the church.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (WEEKLY GOAL \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
February 10	\$ 6,855.00	\$ 548.00	\$ 7,403.00
February 17	\$ 7,141.00	\$ 673.00	\$ 7,814.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			

**CHURCH CLEANING – MARCH – TEAM 2 –** Beatrice, 604-291-9552

**COFFEE HOUR – March 3 – CWL –** Christine, 604-436-0169

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK.** Please support **FUNARO PLUMBING & HEATING LTD.**, one of the sponsors who bring to you this weekly Parish Bulletin!

**We Pray For**

Saturday, February 23 [St. Polycarp Bishop and Martyr]

9:00 am - † Jean Connell

4:00 pm - Special Intention, † Sister Pauline Evelyn Voll, † Kathleen Tipper  
 † Eugenio Ramponi

Sunday, February 24 [SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME]

8:30 am - † Maurizio Bigioli

10:00 am - † Nicolina Marini, † Maria Da Maren, † Harry McGinn  
 † Sergio & Elio Infanti, † Gino Bruschetta  
 † Giovanni & Flora Santucci & Family

11:30 am - † Consiglia De Gregorio, † Angelina & Domenico Fata  
 † Gina DiSpirito

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

Monday, February 25 [Weekday]

7:45 am † Christina Desmond, † Mr. McKinnon

Tuesday, February 26 [Weekday]

7:45 am - † Mrs. McKinnon

Wednesday, February 27 [Weekday]

7:45 am - † Eugenio Canda

Thursday, February 28 [Weekday]

7:45 am - † Alex Green

Friday, March 1 [Weekday]

7:45 am - Patricia Good's Special Intention, † Dec. of Abanto Family

Saturday, March 2 [Weekday]

9:00 am -

4:00 pm - Special Intention for Ray Boivin, † Anthony Grippo  
 † Raffaella Arcadi, † Alfonso Crescenzo

Sunday, March 3 [EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME]

8:30 am - Special Intention for Ursula Trawecka

Special Intention for Andrew Brugala

10:00 am - † Regina & Pietro Santagiuliana, † Vincenzo Miniaci

† Egidio Boratto, † Nick Cavaleri, † Eugenio Danieli

† Addolorata Maselli, † Laura Mainella, † Maria Spitale

† Samuele & Maria Alessio

11:30 am - † Natalie Kulik

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

**FEBBRAIO 24, 2019**  
**VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO**

*È abbastanza normale raccomandare la solidarietà con chi ci è prossimo per legami di famiglia, di religione e di patria. Gesù spazza via tutti i limiti e ci chiede di far saltare l'ingranaggio dei conflitti e degli odi. L'amore gratuito è senza frontiere, come quello di Dio e di Gesù, che sulla croce ce ne ha dato l'esempio.*



**SIATE MISERICORDIOSI, COME IL PADRE VOSTRO.**

**Con la parola "longanimità" si intende generalmente un «costante atteggiamento di generosa indulgenza e sopportazione». È "longanime" colui che è incline, nei rapporti con il prossimo, alla comprensione e all'indulgenza, colui che sa attendere con pazienza, perseveranza e fiducia "i tempi" di chi ha ancora bisogno di conversione e lo sa pazientemente accompagnare**

**in questo cammino non sempre facile. La longanimità per eccellenza risiede in Dio e nella liturgia che oggi la Chiesa ci fa celebrare possiamo facilmente individuarla. Essa si riflette anzitutto in Davide nei confronti di Saul che lo perseguitava per ucciderlo, impedendo ad Abisai di dargli la morte (I Lettura); questa qualità, poi, viene indicata nell'odierna pagina evangelica come irrinunciabile per ogni cristiano a cui il Maestro Divino comanda di amare i nemici partecipando ad essi la stessa misericordia del Padre (Vangelo); infine la si riscontra in Gesù stesso che con la sua passione, morte e risurrezione ci ha donato la sua stessa vita e continua a offrirci il suo amore con il costante permanere del suo Spirito in noi (II Lettura).**

**Don Guido Colombo, ssp**

**LE RICEVUTE PER LE TASSE SULLE DONAZIONI 2018** sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa durante le messe domenicale e in ufficio parrocchiale durante l'ore d'ufficio. Per favore raccoglietele.



**SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO** da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

**PANELLO DELLA FEDE** e una opportunità per fare un dono memorabile per i nostri cari defunti. L'offerta fatta puo essere dichiarata nelle tasse. Se la famiglia del defunto, per occasione della Messa di Funerale, richiede ai partecipanti "donazione a S. Elena" al posto di fiori, allora il nome del deceduto verra aggiunto al Pannello della Fede. Pannello e preminentemente installato all'entrata della Chiesa. Per informazioni o offerte chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

**"I loro nomi sono scritti nei cieli"**