

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

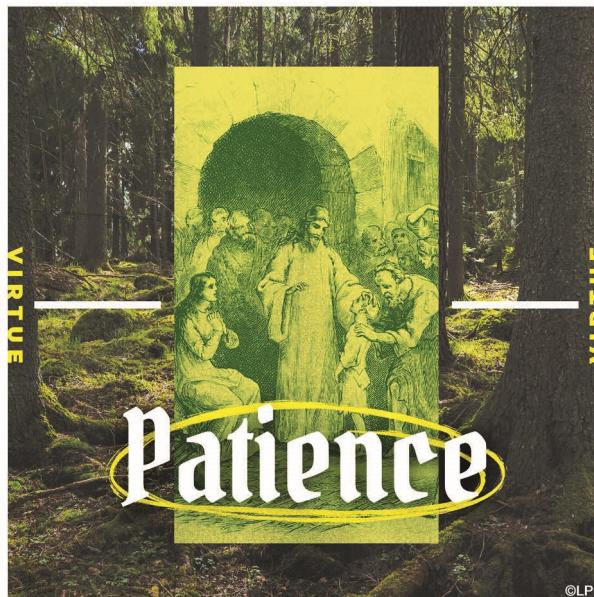
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John – they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Tuesday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. John Bosco, Pries
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and “look at (other people) with God’s gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults.”.

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen.

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JANUARY 25, 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 27, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Paul Morris by the Rapkoch Family)

Thursday, January 29, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, January 30, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Joseph Campros by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, January 31, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Diane Boley by Shirley Kimmet and Family)

Sunday, February 1, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William († Charlie Lincoln by St. William Parish)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

January to Date: \$5,645.00

Month to Date Needed: **\$355.00**

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

January to Date: \$1,405.00

Month to Date Needed: **\$995.00**

Thank you for giving.

CATHOLIC RADIO

89.7 FM CONRAD, 97.1 FM GREAT FALLS, 107.9 FM BELT, 105.5 FM LEWISTOWN, 105.9 FM KALISPELL, 97.5 FM & 1240 AM & 100.9 FM BILLINGS, 101.9 FM MISSOULA, 98.5 FM BUTTE, 90.7 FM POLSON

“Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.” *—C.T. Studd*

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If the Lord places it on your heart to include a gift for your parish or favorite ministry that's a beautiful act of faith—but it is not required to use this service.



Sacrament preparation and Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish office at 406-434-2988 or Fr. Peter at 406-475-1274.

Marriage: Call Fr. Peter Mikwabe at least 6 months before desired date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. William before Sunday Mass and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins: Call Marlene Howery at 406-434-2273.

Religious Education: Call Tressa Keller at 406-460-0932 or Brooke Rogers at 406-409-9248.

LIGHT IN DARKNESS

John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulum when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time, it had been under Gentile occupation. Isaiah foretold (see Isaiah 9) that *the good news of salvation* would be proclaimed in this land and reach to the Gentiles. Jesus begins the proclamation of the gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of *peace* (restoration of relationship with God), of *hope* (the hope of resurrection and heaven), of *truth* (God's word is true and reliable), of *promise* (he rewards those who seek him), of *immortality* (God gives everlasting life), and the good news of *salvation* (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God). The gospel is the power and wisdom of God: power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust. May the light of Christ enlighten us. Fr. Peter



Please join us for **Father Peter's Birthday Celebration**

Potluck on Sunday, January 25 at 1:30pm at St.

Margaret in Cutbank. Feel free to bring a side dish or casserole. Cake will be provided for the party. Please come help us wish Father Peter a happy birthday!

Church Secretary position is now available.

Kathy Gliko is moving on to babysit her new grandson, so we are needing to replace her. This position averages four hours a week and mainly involves preparing the church bulletin. The hours can be flexible. Please talk to Father Peter or leave a message on the church phone (406)434-2988 if you are interested or would like to hear more about the position.



Check out the Diocese website at diocesehelena.org where you can view all the news and events that are happening in our Diocese. If you would like to view a livestream Mass from the Cathedral, go to the Cathedral website at sthelenas.org, where it is easy to access today's Mass or, a virtual tour of the Cathedral. To view Bishop Vetter's Friday messages, story time and special messages go to diocesehelena.org/video-and-livestream. There are a great many videos of Bishop Vetter, from his journeys around the Diocese to his work with seminarians, and more.

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
2/1/26	Pat McDonough	Jabez Rogers	Marlene Howery and Kevin Mitchell	Mitchell Family