

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.” (Rv 21:4)

Gospel:
I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

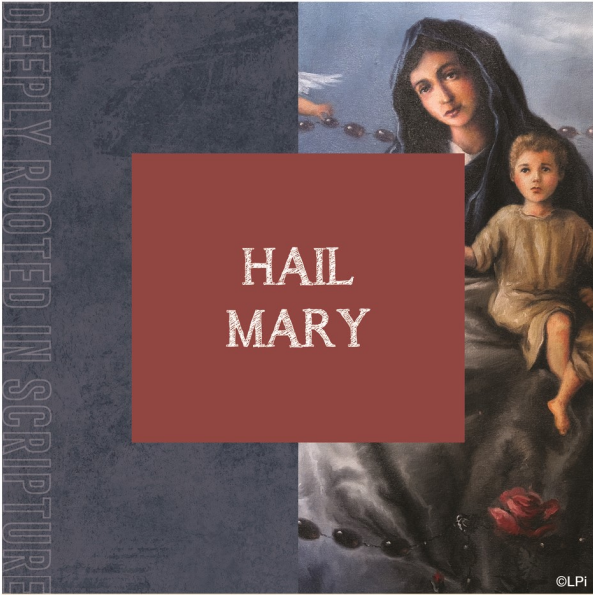
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord’s Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

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MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 19, No Masses

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Deceased Members of the Kalbfleisch Family by the Tokerud Family)

Thursday, May 22, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St Francis in Valier

Friday, May 23, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Wendella Wadsworth by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, May 24, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, May 25, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William (For the People of St. William Living and Deceased)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (For the People of St. Thomas Aquinas Living and Deceased)

ST. WILLIAM	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT	COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00	Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
May to Date: \$3,065.00	May to Date: \$1,251.00
Month to Date Needed: \$2,935.00	Month to Date Needed: \$1,149.00



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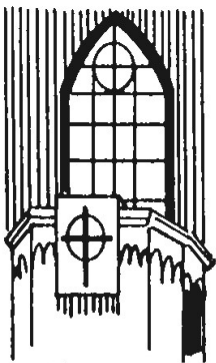
Marriage: Call Fr. Peter Mikwabe at least 6 months before desired date.

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.



CHRISTIAN LOVE

Jesus speaks of *agápe*, a love that requires total commitment and trust. It is the kind of love with which God loves us, a love that should be the model of the love we have for others. This love should be more than just a warm feeling toward others; it should be a compassionate gift of ourselves to the spiritual and bodily needs of our brothers and sisters. *Agápe* implies a reaching out to others in a caring attitude for their wellbeing without expecting any favor in return. It is a strong, positive, difficult, determined action. Jesus repeats the command to love one another three times, first explaining what it is ("*a new commandment*"), how it is to be applied ("*as I have loved you*"), and finally noting that this love would stand *as the trademark* of his disciples. Not only is this a new commandment, but also Jesus teaches that it is the greatest. To love, in fact, is to know God— "*Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love*" (1 John 4:7-8). The early Christians practiced this love literally. That is why Tertullian stated that the heathens held the Christian congregations in high regard: "*See, how these Christians love one another.*" The fact is that Jesus' death and resurrection served, not just as an example of how to love, but as the agent that actually freed us from our selfish love through His indwelling presence. It was this new kind of love which was manifested by the first disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem (Ac 2:44-45), and in the churches in Macedonia (2 Co 8:1-5). It was a love that was attentive to the poor and the needy. During his life on earth, Jesus Himself was lovingly present to those who were not at all lovable. He allowed himself to be moved with pity and compassion when he encountered those in need, and he was moved to tears in the midst of sadness. He openly shed tears at the tomb of Lazarus. He shed tears also over the city of Jerusalem. Even the anger that Jesus displayed in the Temple was rooted in love -- the love for His Father and for His Father's house. Jesus loved by serving others, by helping them and by healing others. His was a love that healed and built up, that challenged and inspired people. It was a deeply forgiving and sacrificial love. "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*" (15: 13). Fr. Peter



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St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
5/25/25	Kevin Mitchell	Jeanne Keck	Jeanne McDonough and Elaine Mitchell	Tokerud Family