

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday’s Readings

**First Reading:**  
The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord.  
All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

**Psalm:**  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)  
Or: Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**  
“For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Rv 7:17)

**Gospel:**  
Jesus said:  
“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (Jn 10:27)

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### Live The Liturgy

#### Inspiration of the Week

Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

## Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother’s Day
- Monday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



### Devotions, *Explained!*

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning transformed. There are many kinds of retreats, but all share a common purpose: communion with God.

### Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,  
You guide in a way often beyond my understanding.  
You lead to paths yet undiscovered.  
Keep me in Your care, as together we seek green pastures and still waters.  
Amen.

## SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION

## SUNBURST

MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 12, No Masses

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William ( † Nanna Flesch by James and Sandy Dickinson)

Thursday, May 15, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier  
5:45 pm Mass at St Francis in Valier

Friday, May 16, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel ( † Gary Abrahamson by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, May 17, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, May 18, 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. Thomas ( † Maria Martinez by Judy Reighard)

ST. WILLIAM

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

May to Date: \$1,809.00

Month to Date Needed: \$4,191.00

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

May to Date: \$521.00

Month to Date Needed: \$1,879.00

Thank you for giving.



Catholic in Recovery is a nonprofit ministry that seeks to serve those suffering from addiction and unhealthy attachments. It is the aim of Catholic in Recovery to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless of cases.

For more information go to [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com)

**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.



**THE GOOD SHEPHRD**

Jesus says in this passage that no one can “take them out of my hand.” When He does so, He uses the same word previously used in reference to the wolf that catches and scatters the sheep (see Jn 10:12). By using this image, Jesus is teaching us that we are safe only when we choose to dwell in the palm of His hand. Consequently, we put ourselves in danger whenever we freely choose to wander away from our Lord’s protective presence. God doesn’t force us to remain in His care. It is up to us every day to choose to place our lives in God’s hands.

It can be consoling for us to think of all the ways in which God needs to care for us. However, it can be unsettling to think of how we need to conform our lives to God’s will so as to remain in the Lord’s protective care. This passage reminds us that we are not passive recipients of the Lord’s protection but are active agents in placing ourselves under His care. We all want to experience divine protection, but we don’t always want to do what it takes to guarantee that protection. As we celebrate World Day of Prayer for vocations, let us pray for more vocation to priesthood and consecrated life. Fr. Peter



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. Bless all mothers, and those who long to be mothers. May they know your peace and grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are very excited to be preparing for another year of religious education for Saint William. There are so many ways to support our program. Please prayerfully decide how you may be able to assist in making our program run smoothly. We invite you to consider any of the following:

- Full time teacher—Substitute teacher—Assistant teacher
- Providing meals—Coordinating the Christmas Program
- Serving food for family nights—BBQ for potlucks
- Organize an activity for R.E.—Pray for our program

Please contact either Tressa Keller (406)460-0932 or Brooke Rogers (406)409-9248, if you feel you would like to help in any way! We would love you to be a part of our program in any capacity. We also welcome any new ideas you may have to support our program!

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
5/18/25	Jabez Rogers	Nina Rapkoch	Emily McDermott and Laurie Tokerud	Tokerud Family