

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalm:
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
(Ps 72)

Second Reading:
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:
“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.” (Mt 3:11)

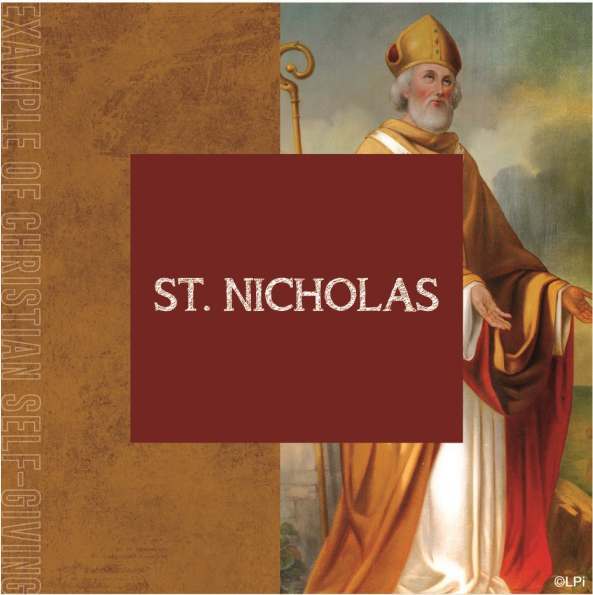
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Thursday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Friday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Saturday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.

Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to our world.
Inspire reconciliation, heal
divisions, bind wounds,
rewrite scripts.
You are the Prince of Peace,
bring that light into every space.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

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DECEMBER 7, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8, *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:00 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
12:10 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
5:30 pm Mass at St. William in Shelby

Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Riki Nice by Wally and Marlene Howery)

Thursday, December 11, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier


Friday, December 12, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Mary Seidlitz by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, December 13, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Diana Hoffa by Tim and Billiette Coolidge)

Sunday, December 14, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William († Elaine Amestoy by the Rapkoch Family)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT	COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00	Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
November to Date: \$8,151.36	November to Date: \$3,170.00
Month to Date Surplus: \$2,151.36	Month to Date Surplus: \$770.00



 **Mrs. Santa’s Christmas Cookie Sale** will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the parish hall. All parish families are asked to donate 4 dozen Christmas cookies or candies that can be dropped off at the hall on Friday, December 12th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Religious Education Christmas Program and Potluck
Religious Education is having a Christmas Program and Potluck on December 14 following Mass. The entire church family is encouraged to come and see the Program and participate in the potluck fellowship.

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 PRECURSOR; PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
John preaches that people should not rely on external relationships of faith. In particular, he says to the Pharisees and Sadducees, “Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’” John knew that many people of his time thought they were automatically privileged in the eyes of God because of their relationship to Abraham. This message is an enduring caution to disciples of all time and reminds us we should not presume God’s mercy or favor based upon a mere association with others or simply because of our religious affiliation. Rather, each person must make a personal and radical commitment to the person of Jesus in a life-changing relationship. No one else can do this for us. The example of others may lead us to this commitment and encourage us in it, but another example is never a substitute for it. The good lives of our parents, relatives, friends, or fellow parishioners are not our lives. God wants us to respond to Him and not to excuse ourselves because of our association with others who have responded. If the Pharisees and Sadducees want to be children of Abraham, then they have to imitate Abraham’s fidelity and sacrificial love for God in their own lives. True children act like their father. Saint Paul reflects extensively on the example of Abraham in Galatians 3 and Romans 4 so that the early Christians of those communities will know how to imitate Abraham’s faith in their own lives. Fr. Peter



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:
Building a Culture of Life and Family across Montana
Funded in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholic Social Services provides confidential counseling throughout our state for expectant parents who need assistance to become new parents to their baby. Additional services include adoption placement, post-adoption support, Rachael’s Hope (post abortion help), Youth Mentoring and supportive aid to birthmothers. Please help provide for these critical services.
Let us share what we have in gratitude for the gifts of life and family.

The Pope’s Monthly Intention for December
For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
12/14/25	Pat McDonough	Jeanne McDonough	Kevin Mitchell and Marlene Howery	Tom and Lorette Carter