

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

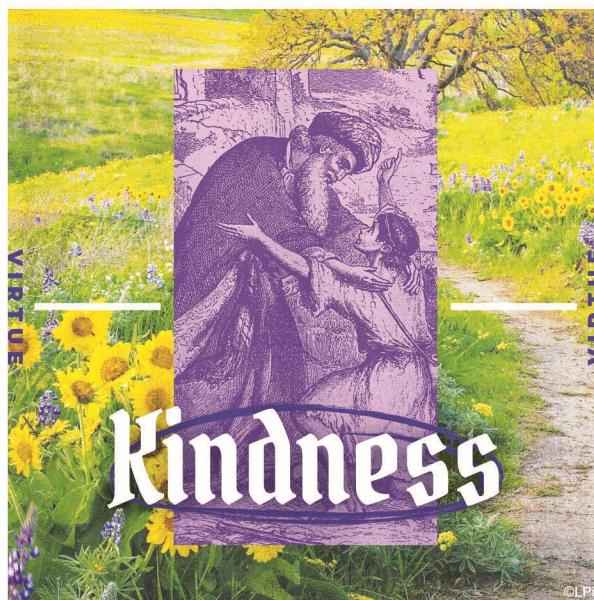
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.
Amen.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 3, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Nanna Flesch by James and Sandy Dickinson)

Thursday, February 5, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier

5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, February 6, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Wendy Wadsworth by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, February 7, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Dawn Holt by Kathy Gliko)

Sunday, February 8, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William († Arlene Kochel by Wally and Marlene Howery)

12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

January to Date: \$6,865.00

Month to Date Surplus: \$865.00

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

January to Date: \$1,740.00

Month to Date Needed: \$660.00

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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.

OUR HAPPINESS COMES FROM GOD

We do not displease God by trying to find ways of overcoming pain, illness, poverty, injustice but the beatitudes teach us that the real success of our lives is to love and fulfill God's will for us. To be righteous means to actively do the will of God even in the midst of a world that is acting contrary to that will. One of the dangers of discipleship is that of complacency, which is the attitude that leads us to say to ourselves that we are “good enough” or that we have “done enough” or that we are “holy enough”. Sometimes such temptations can cause us to excuse ourselves from the challenge of the Gospel and ever-deeper discipleship. When we give in to that temptation, we have stopped “hungering and thirsting” for greater righteousness. We are made in the image and likeness of God and only when we live out that identity perfectly and completely can we claim to be righteous. The problem is that we are often tempted to compare ourselves to others rather than to the example of Jesus. When we do so then we easily settle for just being “better than” someone else rather than being “better for” God. When we keep our crucified and risen Lord as the only standard for comparison in our discipleship, then we realize how far we have yet to go before we can reach the righteousness to which God calls us. While the lived example of our Lord may be a high ideal to live by, it is the daily striving (hungering and thirsting) for it that God desires. Fr. Peter

The 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
2/8/26	John Abrahamson	Marlene Howery	Wally Howery and Emily McDermott	Mitchell Family