

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:
Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:
“You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” (Lk 21:17-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus’ words today are filled with fire
and brimstone, vivid with images of pain,
suffering, confusion — and, ultimately,
peace. Do we believe what he promises?
Do we have the endurance to stay with
him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter
and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne, Virgin
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, *Explained!*

An Advent Wreath consists of
a circle of evergreen and four
candles, one for each week of
Advent. Three of the candles are
purple; one is rose, representing
Gaudete Sunday, a time of
rejoicing at the closeness of
Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like
the light of a candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every
hardship.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION SUNBURST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

Saturday, November 22, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Mack and Judy Cole by Bryan and Cathy Ratzburg and Family)

Sunday, November 23, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William († Arlene Kochel by Marvin and Mary Christianson)

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

ST. WILLIAM

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00

November to Date: \$4,510.00

Month to Date Needed: **\$1,490.00**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00

November to Date: \$1,653.00

Month to Date Needed: **\$747.00**



CCW minutes:

CCW met on Monday November 3 with 9 members attending. Prayer reflection was a short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz on Seeing God in Every Day: Notice, Note, and Declare.

Gift cards for our Catholic college students have been purchased & mailed. Hats, gloves, and scarves have been collected for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids project and will be handed out on Saturday, November 8th at the parish hall. We will complete the parish hall kitchen cleaning on Monday, November 10th at 1:00pm. Mrs. Santa's Christmas cookie sale will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am – noon at the parish hall. Each parish family is asked to provide 4 dozen Christmas cookies or candies. Voted to provide a family in need a Walmart gift card. We will provide soup, sandwiches, and cookies for the Red Cross blood draw lunch on January 29. We will be purchasing a Marian chasuble for Father Peter to wear on Feast days of Mary. Next meeting will be held on December 1st at 6:30pm at the parish hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.



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St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 21:5-19

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **“Do not follow them” (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop. — *Father John Muir*

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SUPPORT THOSE IN MOST NEED

The situation of poverty in rural Guatemala diminishes access to education and medical care for many indigenous people who live in the area of Guatemala's Boca Costa served by the Helena Mission. At Santiago de La Asunción School, a Jesuit-sponsored group, Fe y Alegria, is providing for direct education costs. At the same time, your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal provides a boarding opportunity for young people who live at a distance, as well as building maintenance and other administrative costs. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal also allows the Clinica Maxeña to provide for all who come seeking medical attention, including those who cannot afford the minimal consultation fee (about \$5), and to assist with costs for those who need specialized care (such as cancer treatment) at a Guatemala City or other regional medical facility. We are grateful for your financial support, which translates into medical and educational services that begin to improve the lives of the indigenous people living in the Mission area.

Please keep the work of the Guatemala Mission in your prayers.

Loving Our Neighbors in Guatemala.

The Pope's Monthly Intension for November

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
11/23/25	Mike Bashor	John Abrahamson	Marlene Howery and Wally Howery	Pat and Jeanne McDonough