

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:
“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20-21)

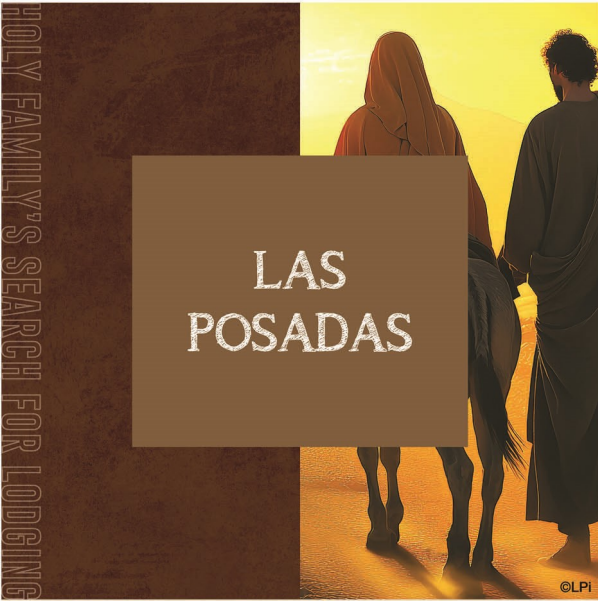
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes we want God’s instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph’s dream. But Joseph’s understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God’s will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Wednesday:** Christmas Eve
- Thursday:** The Nativity of the Lord
- Friday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Saturday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family



Devotions, *Explained!*

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition which recreates the Holy Family’s search for lodging in Bethlehem. This nine-day devotion anticipates the birth of Jesus Christ, who seeks refuge in the heart of every man and woman.

Prayer for Advent - Miracles

Dear God,
You are in the miracle business.
I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas.
Break into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

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SUNBURST

DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 23, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, December 24, *The Nativity of The Lord*
6:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, December 25, *The Nativity of The Lord*
8:00 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:00 am Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
12:00 pm Mass at St. William in Shelby

Friday, December 26, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Andrew Campros by John and Diane Abrahamson)

Saturday, December 27, *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas (For the People of St. Thomas Aquinas Living and Deceased)

Sunday, December 28, *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
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. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM COLLECTION REPORT	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00	Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
December to Date: \$4,025.00	December to Date: \$835.00
Month to Date Needed: \$1,975.00	Month to Date Needed: \$1,565.00
Thank you for your generosity.	Thank you for giving.

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.



TRUST IN OUR GOD
Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his es-poused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and conso-lation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the hus-band of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confi-dence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with per-plexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith, trust and hope in God and in his redeeming work. Fr. Peter

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2026 CAMPS SCHEDULE

June 14-19	Junior High #1	July 12-17	High School #2
June 21-26	High School #1	July 19-24	Junior High #2
July 5-10	5/6th Grade Boys	July 26-31	5/6th Grade Girls

Registration for **families who live within the Diocese of Helena** opens **Jan 5th**. Opens for all other registrants Jan 9th.

Join us for Family Camp!
June 28-30
Registration opens March 2nd, 2026

Camp Rates
Early Bird: (Register before Jan 25th) **\$425**
Standard: **\$450**

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 12/28/25	Usher Eric Tokerud	Lector Marlene Howery	Eucharistic Ministers Lauri Tokerud and Jeanne McDonough	Church Cleaners Tom and Lorette Carter