

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

### Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

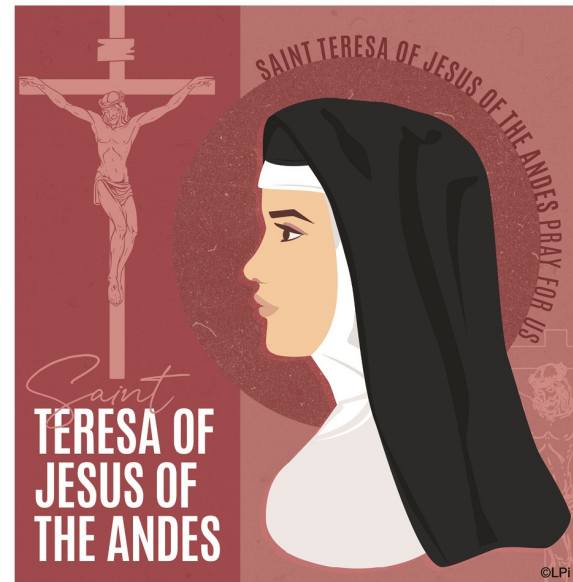
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

## Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter  
**Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope  
**Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker  
**Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer  
**Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

## Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,  
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!  
Amen.

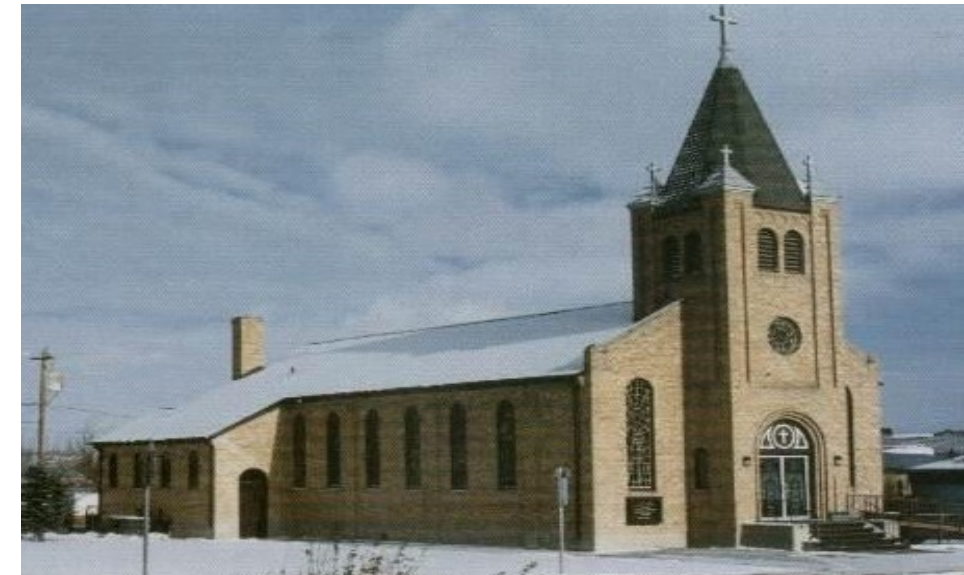
## SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION

## SUNBURST

APRIL 28, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29, No Masses

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

Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William ( † Ruth Tucek by The Rapkoch Family)

Thursday, May 2, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier  
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, May 3, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel ( † Nanna Flesch by James and Sandy Dickinson)

Saturday, May 4, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30 am Mass at St. William ( † Steven Campros by The Abrahamson Family)

12:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas ( † Ron Reighard by Wally and Marlene Howery)

ST. WILLIAM COLLECTION REPORT	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00	Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
April to Date: \$4,912.00	April to Date: \$1,460.00
Month to Date Needed: <b>\$1,088.00</b>	Month to Date Needed: <b>\$940.00</b>



Presenting the  
Montana Catholic Conference

Faithful Citizenship Video Series

The Montana Catholic Conference has produced an 8-part video series highlighting what every Catholic should know about faithful citizenship and voting. In this **second episode**, Executive Director, Matt Brower discusses why Catholics engage in politics and how to do so faithfully.

Watch for new episodes released every Wednesday. They can be found on YouTube under Montana Catholic Conference.



### 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.



### I AM THE VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

Jesus specifically tells us that disciples become dead branches because they fail to abide in Him. As disciples, it is important for us to remember that we are the ones who have the responsibility to accept the life of God offered to us or not to accept it. Accepting the gift of God's life means participating in grace-filled opportunities of prayer, the Sacraments, and actions of selfless love for others. When we take advantage of these opportunities, we are abiding in Christ. When we fail to take advantage of these opportunities, we are cutting ourselves off from grace. Our physical presence in the Church does not necessarily mean that we are living members of the Body of Christ. We have to be spiritually united with Jesus in order to be living members of His Body; otherwise, we are just dead branches taking up room and obstructing others in their growth.  
Fr. Peter

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

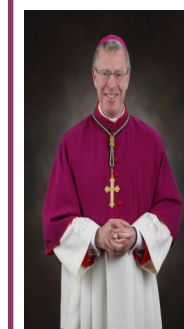
Greetings from your Stewardship Department! We have almost reached our 2023 ACA goal as a Diocese...thank you to everyone that has contributed. I apologize for any bumps you may have encountered as we moved to different software just as we kicked off the ACA. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigated the changes. While we are still about \$140,000 short of the goal, we have 6 months to go and remain optimistic we can reach it. In fact, if every family that has not yet given to the ACA would commit \$10...we would hit our goal. As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries. Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me to make a gift over the phone. Thank you for your generous stewardship! Sharon Witham 406-389-7062.

## LEGENDARY LODGE

We're excited to announce the return of Family Camp! Family Camp offers something for every age, combining the adventure and activities of Legendary Lodge with intentional family time and opportunities for marriage enrichment. Families will grow as a unit while enjoying structured programs and adult talks.  
Register today!



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Check out the Diocese website at [diocesehelena.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.