

Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst
 May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 9, 5:30pm at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Tuesday, May 10, 12:10pm Mass at St. Margret in Cut Bank

5:30pm Mass at St. William († Nancy Wichman by the Abrahamson family)

Followed by Adoration

Wednesday, May 11, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Sofie Larson by the McDonough family)

No Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Thursday, May 12, 5:45pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, May 13, 12:10pm Mass at St. William († Mary Parker by the Cook family)

Saturday, May 14, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Germaine Stivers by Marvin and Mary Christianson)

Sunday, May 15, 8:30am, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Mary Stevens by the Hauschulz family)

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

10:30am, Mass at St. William († Nanna Flesch by the Rogers family)

10:30am, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank



This is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the **Virgin Mother** more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our **Mother's** throne. *Pope St. Paul VI*

The Fathers of the Church, holy and studious bishops of the first centuries, often spoke of **Mary as the New Eve**. Just as the Woman Eve was "the mother of all the living" (Gen. 3:20), the **Woman Mary** was mother of all those living in Christ. In Revelation 12:17, St. John says that this Woman's offspring are "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus."

Pope St. Paul VI summarizes a simple yet profound spiritual and theological axiom "To Jesus through Mary" that declares that all authentic Marian devotion is oriented to Christ, but that the

Way to Jesus is the Way He came to us . . . through Mary.



If you are unable to attend the Masses in our area, the Cathedral of Helena is livestreaming at 11:00am each Sunday, and a daily Mass at noon.

Go to Youtube.com and in the search bar type: Cathedral of St. Helena Montana

The link for Sunday and the daily Mass are there, just scroll down. There are a variety of items for viewing, such as Bishop Vetter's Friday message and story time. You can also subscribe to the Diocese Youtube channel.

Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick: call the Parish office 434-2988

Marriage: Call Fr. Tim Moriarty at least 6 months before desired date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. William before Sunday Masses and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins: Call Marlene Howery 434-2273.

Parish Needs and Information or for an emergency: Call or text Parish Secretary Diane Abrahamson 406-450-0683.

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In the reading from the Gospel of John for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (John 21: 1-19), Simon Peter, John and other disciples are at the Sea of Tiberius; also known as the Sea of Galilee and the Lake of Gennesaret. Simon Peter says, "I am going fishing." In other words, who wants to come. So they fish all night, and they have caught nothing.

So Jesus is on the shore at daybreak and He calls out to those on the lake, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" The disciples do not recognize Jesus in the boats; even though this will be the 3rd time that Jesus appears to the disciples after His resurrection. Jesus also calls the disciples 'children.' These are grown men, professional fishermen, and men who have followed the Lord for three years. But the Apostles, disciples, and all of us are children of God; created in His image, and it is God's will that every single one of His children throughout history be saved. And God loves us so much that He gives us free will to follow Him or not. So we have to be diligent in following Christ in our lives; putting on the armor of light, and making no provisions for the desires of the flesh and the ways of the world. We need to keep our vision and our goal of reaching Heaven every moment of our lives!

So Jesus says to the disciples, KNOWING that they had no success fishing on the sea, "Cast your net off to the starboard side, and you will find something..." The starboard side – the right side of the boat. In other words, do the right thing; follow the straight and narrow path that leads to eternity. Take up our Crosses, whatever they may be, and follow Him with our whole hearts! And many fish (153) were caught on that day, and the net remained secure. IF WE FOLLOW THE LORD'S COMMANDMENTS, WE WILL BE BLESSED ABUNDANTLY, AND WE WILL BE AT PEACE. That does not mean that it will be easy, because life is not easy. If life is easy for an individual, they are probably not living in the way of the Lord. So we rely on the Lord every moment of our lives!

John says to Peter in this gospel: "It is the Lord." And Peter jumps into the sea and swims toward shore, because he is filled with great joy because He knows (once again) that the Lord is in their midst. So John brings a great number of fish that he caught to shore, and Jesus has a fire going, and He is baking fish and bread, and asks for some fish that the disciples just caught. Everyone KNEW that it was the risen Lord, but NO ONE would say a word. Why? BECAUSE THE WORD MADE FLESH (AND RISEN FROM THE DEAD) WAS IN THEIR MIDST. The disciples are filled with awe, amazement and humility! AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHALL BEND IN THE HEAVENS, ON THE EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH! May we always seek the Lord with humility!

At the end of the meal, Jesus asks Simon Peter three times, if he loves Him. (This is to 'wipe away' the three times Peter denied the Lord during His passion and subsequent crucifixion. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter: 'Yes Lord, I love you.' Jesus: "Feed my lambs." (Protect my children, the young, the innocent; defend those who cannot defend themselves.)

Jesus: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter: 'Yes Lord, I love you.' Jesus: "Tend my sheep." (Lead My people to me; preach the truth of the Gospel with love, humility and power; tell My people I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and the One and Only Way to salvation.)

Jesus: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter: Yes Lord, I love you.' Jesus: "Feed my sheep." (Go out to all the world and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Preach the Word of God with power and authority. Cure the sick; expel demons, and bring My Body and Blood to the world!)

In the Gospel of John for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Jesus tells Simon Peter that when he was young, he went about doing his own thing. But at the end of his life, he would suffer and die on a cross, because he proclaimed the truth to the world; that Jesus Christ is Lord from the beginning of time until He comes again to judge the living and the dead. Then Jesus says to Simon Peter and to all of the disciples: "Follow me." In our lives, we will have moments of tremendous suffering. We will also have many "resurrection moments" in our lives. In good times and in bad; in sickness and in health, follow Him! Trust Jesus Christ! Totally surrender to Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came into the world for our salvation and redemption, so that we can bring His love and peace to the world! He is with us always, and will never abandon us! So "Follow me" and be at peace in our lives! God bless all of you! Fr. Tim

Congratulations Eva Gray on receiving your First Communion!



The knights of Columbus and St. William CCW are hosting a fundraiser breakfast to benefit the Johannes family on Sunday, May 15. Breakfast will be served from 10:00am to 1:00pm. On the menu is pancakes, ham and cinnamon rolls.

Cost is a freewill offering to benefit the Johannes'. Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

Please remember to pray for our seminarians. These young men need our support and prayers.

