

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:
Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR
Alleluia.

Second Reading:
Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:
Jesus said to them in reply,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
(Mt 11:4-5)

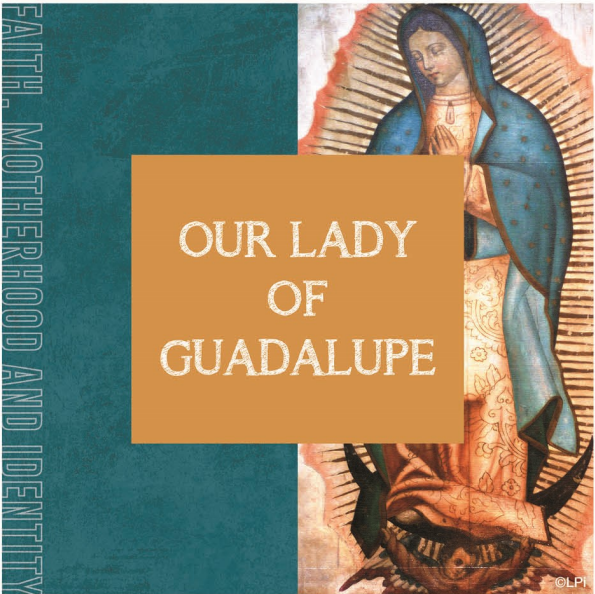
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go and tell what you have seen and heard,”
Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he
is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We
have heard. We have seen. We must go and
tell. Let’s let our actions do the talking. Who
do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates
and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I
think of as “deserts”
and your grace to the prayers I
fear may be “deserted.”
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION SUNBURST

DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 16, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
Wednesday, December 17, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Jim Judisch by Joe and Lore Sisk)
Thursday, December 18, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier
Friday, December 19, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Wendy Wadsworth by John and Diane Abrahamson)
Saturday, December 20, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Mark Cole by Bryan and Cathy Ratzburg)
Sunday, December 21, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William († Nanna Flesch by James and Sandy Dickinson)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

ST. WILLIAM
COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00
December to Date: \$2,755.00
Month to Date Needed: \$3,245.00

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
December to Date: \$332.00
Month to Date Needed: \$2,068.00



The Knights of Columbus
would like to thank the women of CCW and everyone in the Parish for your most generous support of the Coats for Kids. With your generous support we were able to give out 127 coats, along with hats and gloves between Shelby, Conrad, Cut Bank and Valier. Thanks again for your support.

CCW Minutes:
On January 29th our Parish is providing lunch for the Red Cross Blood Drive. If you would like to help work, we do need 2 workers per session. If you can't work but would like to make a crock of soup, cookies, rolls, or sandwiches we would appreciate your help. Please contact Marlene or Lauri to get signed up.
CCW has purchased a new vestment for Father Peter. Be on the lookout for it.
We have adopted three families this Christmas season and have sent an Albertson's gift card or money to the families to help with expenses. As always, please know you are very welcome to attend our meetings which are on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Parish Hall. We appreciate your help very much. Have a blessed Advent Season.

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.



THE JOY OF ADVENT
When the disciples of John come to Jesus, they seek clarification as to whether or not Jesus is the Messiah (“the One who is to come”). Jesus did not answer that question for them. Instead, He pointed to the works He had done and asked them to interpret for themselves what those signs mean. Jesus did heal the blind in Matthew 8:27–30, made the lame walk in Matthew 8:5–13 and Matthew 9:1–7, healed lepers in Matthew 8:1–4, made the deaf hear in Matthew 8:32–34, raised the dead in Matthew 9:18–26, and preached good news to the poor in Matthew 5:3. Some passages of the Old Testament (especially Is 26:19, 35:5–6 and 61:1) identify these works as things that God will do. The Lord doesn’t answer a lot of our questions either. Sometimes we have to look around us and interpret the good works taking place as confirming signs of God’s presence. To a person of faith, the witness of God’s love and providence is abundantly clear. To a person who lacks faith, life is nothing but chance and coincidence. Either way, Jesus doesn’t make a decision of faith for us. At best, He points our attention in the right way and asks us to make our own decision of faith for Him. When we do so, our eyes are opened to see the wonder of God’s presence in ways we could never have previously imagined. Let us rejoice in the Lord always.
Fr. Peter



ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS
The 2025 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.
PROTECTING ALL WE HOLD DEAR THROUGH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

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	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
12/21/25	John Abrahamson	Jabez Rogers	Wally Howery and Emily McDermott	Tom and Lorette Carter