

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

And all this is from God,
who has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel:

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: April Fools' Day
Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Devotions, Explained!

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children, Help me to trust that You will be faithful.
God who will not leave me, Help me to seek You, too.
God who is ever-waiting for me, Help me to run straight towards You.

Amen.

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH SHELBY

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MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, March 31, No Masses

Tuesday, April 1, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, April 2, 12:10 pm Mass at St. William († Jerry Murray by Bill Murray)

Thursday, April 3, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, April 4, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Joseph Campros by John and Diane Abrahamson)

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

Sunday, April 6, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William († Michael Rapkoch by the Rapkoch Family)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas († Jennifer Snortland by Judy Reighard)



LET'S GO BACK HOME

The example of the younger son in the parable of the prodigal son has much to say to us as disciples. Sometimes we can find ourselves losing our identity because we have gradually drifted away from a loving relationship with our Father in Heaven. Or perhaps we feel that we are alienated and in a foreign land where no one cares for our needs. For each of us, there is a point of awakening when we realize our need to return and restore the relationship we have lost. The emptiness and hunger of the stomach is nothing compared to the emptiness and hunger for love, acceptance, and forgiveness experienced by the human heart in such moments.

Sometimes we don't know how to find our way home to the Father. It is in these moments especially that the example of the Prodigal Son should inspire us. We have only to get up, go and ask to be a member of the Father's family once again. Our words don't have to be perfect. God will work with our imperfect and even impure motivations because the Father desires to restore relationship with us more than we could ever imagine. Fr. Peter

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<p>ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLECTION REPORT</p> <p>Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00</p> <p>March to Date: \$3,044.00</p> <p>Month to Date Surplus: \$644.00</p> <p>Thank you for giving.</p>



The Knights of Columbus will be putting on a **Fish Fry** on Friday, April 11th from 5:00-7:30p.m.

They have asked for help with salads and cookies. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Marlene or Elaine or check the sign up list in the back of the church. Everyone is welcome!

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.



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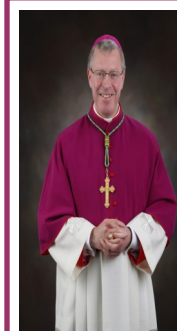
Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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St. William Sunday 4/6/25	Usher Kevin Mitchell	Lector Jeanne McDonough	Eucharistic Ministers Laurie Tokerud Elaine Mitchell	Church Cleaners Jeanne Keck and Marlene Howery
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