

Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst
September 19, 2021
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20, 5:30pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Tuesday, September 21, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Teresa Dumas by the Dumas family)
 Adoration following Mass

5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank, Adoration following Mass

Wednesday, September 22, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Mary Ellen McCormick by
 Laurie and Eric Tokerud)

5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret

Thursday, September 23, 12:10pm Mass at St. Margaret

5:45pm, Mass at St. Francis in Valier, Adoration following Mass

Friday, September 24, 12:10pm, Mass at St. William († Jim Kalbfleisch by Deb Clark and family)

Saturday, September 25, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Don Baney by the Rapkoch family)

Sunday, September 26, 8:30am, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas (People of St. Thomas living & deceased)

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

9:00am, Mass at St. Michael the Archangel in Conrad

10:30am, Mass at St. William (People of St. William living and deceased)

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

HUMBLE SERVICE—*Regnum Christi* states, Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart — who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child. Fr. Peter

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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 Saturday and 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.



Monday, September 13th was the feast of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was born in Antioch (present-day Turkey) in 349. He was highly educated, and chose to live a very aesthetic life, filled with prayer and solitude. However, God had other plans. Because as we all know, God's plans are not our plans.

So St. John Chrysostom was eventually ordained to the priesthood and was an outstanding preacher. He was named Bishop of Constantinople, now known as Istanbul, Turkey, and was a great reformer of both the Church and the clergy in that region. St. John was forced into exile twice by the imperial court, as he proclaimed the Gospel message without fear or reservation, and his preaching presented the ideal of the Catholic Christian life for the people then, and for us some 1,700 years later. The following is an excerpt of a homily from St. John Chrysostom, and it seems fitting for our day and age...

“The waters have risen, and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus. What are we to fear? Death? LIFE TO ME MEANS CHRIST, AND DEATH IS GAIN. Exile? THE EARTH AND ITS FULLNESS BELONG TO THE LORD. The confiscation of our goods? WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THIS WORLD, AND WE SHALL SURELY TAKE NOTHING FROM IT. I have only contempt for the world's threats, I find its blessings laughable. I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth. I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good. I concentrate therefore on the present situation, and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence.

Do you not hear the Lord saying: “WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THEIR MIDST? Will He be absent, then, when so many people united in love are gathered together? I have this promise, I am surely not going to rely on my own strength! I have what He has written; that is my staff, my security, my peaceful harbor. Let the world be in upheaval. I hold to His promise and read His message; that is my protecting wall and garrison. What message? KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD!” May the peace and joy of the Lord be in our hearts, and may we bring that peace and joy to all around us! God bless all of you! Fr. Tim



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Please Remember to Pray for Our Seminarians*



Saint Joseph defender of life pray for us!



**ST. WILLIAM
 COLLECTION REPORT**
 Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00
 September to Date: \$3,736.00
 Month to Date Needed : \$2,264.00

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
 COLLECTION REPORT**
 Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
 September to Date: \$1,413.00
 Month to Date Needed : \$987.00