

What are Catholic Apologetics?

Sola Scriptura

One of the first defenses of the Catholic Church is the Protestant view of using only the Bible as the authority of Christianity. Most will ask when you are defending your Catholic beliefs, “Where is that in the Bible?” First and foremost, remember: there is nothing in the teachings of the Catholic Church that contradicts the Bible and there is nothing in the Bible that contradicts the teachings of the Catholic Church. In other words, there is not a question you can ask about the teachings of the Catholic Church that do not have its roots in the traditions of the Church with the support of the Scriptures, or from the scriptures with the support of Church teachings. There are a few things that we believe in that are NOT directly in the Bible. The word Purgatory appears nowhere in the Bible and likewise, the Dormition (Assumption) of Mary, body and soul into Heaven is not to be found there. On the other hand, Protestant beliefs such as Sola Scriptura and salvation by faith alone are also not in the Bible so we can tread on shaky ground by saying simply that we believe the interpretations of the Church. This allows the Protestant to say, “Well, I believe in my interpretation of the Bible!” This is where the Protestants have an advantage. They have been raised to memorize and use verses of the Bible for solace, comfort, and peace. Or the use of certain verses to support their particular beliefs most of the time taking the scriptures out of context. So, how do we defend our lack of learning the Bible more thoroughly? We stick to the teachings of the Church (refer to the Creed that we profess every Sunday).



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars

October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

630 days or 90 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 12	Sunday after Theophany	✠ Charles Lutak from Elenor Parnell
Jan 13	No Liturgy	
Jan 14	No Liturgy	
Jan 15	No Liturgy	
Jan 16	No Liturgy	
Jan 17	No Liturgy	
Jan 18	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 19	35th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Charles Lutak from Yahner Family

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday after Theophany

Ephesians 4:7-14

Matthew 4:12-17

First Antiphon

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people,*
Judah became His sanctuary , Israel His dominion.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
Why was it, O Sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course.
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Troparion (Tone 1)

Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose,
O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You,
O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom!
Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

Troparion of the Theophany (Tone 1)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,* worship of the Trinity was revealed:* the voice
of the Father bore witness to You,* naming You “beloved Son,”* and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the Word’s certainty.* Glory to You, O Christ God,* who appeared and enlightened
the world.

Kondakion (Tone 4)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit* now and forever and ever. Amen.

Today You have appeared to the world* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,* who with
knowledge sing Your praises.* You have come, You have appeared , O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenion (Tone)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation
I will announce Your truth with my mouth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Irmos, Instead of “It is truly”

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.
Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due,* O Mother of God.* Even a Spirit from above is
filled with dizziness* when seeking to sing Your praises.* But since you are good accept our faith,*
for you know well our love inspired by God.* For it is you who protect all Christians;*
therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Verse

The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all.
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X) |

Weekly Collection - January 5, 2025 - \$503.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$265.00 Candles - \$158.00 Initial- \$15.00

Holy Day - \$10.00 Dues - \$15.00 Misc. - \$40.00

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of Homes - Father will be blessing homes in the Ebensburg, Cambria
and Jackson areas today. Please let Deacon Chris know if you would like your
home blessed. If you live in another area or would like father to visit another day,
please see Father Andriy.

Saturdays with Jesus - February 8,2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12 Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM



Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt,
Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer,
Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt,
Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok,
the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Candles - Six day candles are available for donation in the altar area
and on the Tetrapod for \$150/ candle for the year. See Deacon Chris.
Self light — \$3.00 - 6 day candles \$1.00 - 10 hour 50c - beeswax candle

Joke of the Day

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out
of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached
by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little
boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn
to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new priest in
town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get
to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't
even know the way to the post office!"