

Catholic Apologetics — Sola Scriptura

There are those who will continue to challenge the truth behind the Bible and will ask questions intended to trip up the unwary believer such as “Where is Purgatory mentioned in the Bible? That word is not even mentioned in the Bible once.” How do we answer these kinds of questions? The assumption being that if it’s not in the Bible, it’s not Christian and it’s not of God. But like Christ, sometimes the best way to answer a question is with a question. “Do you believe in the Trinity?” The answer will invariably be yes. “Then where in the Bible does the word ‘Trinity’ appear?” Is there biblical support for the Trinity? Of course, and there is also Biblical support for the doctrine of Purgatory. We quickly establish that even for the “Biblical Christian” there are strong beliefs that are NOT directly quoted in the Bible. Now you have begun to build a foundation for answering questions about teaching and doctrine not found directly in the Bible. You might ask (holding up your Bible) “For a Christian, what is the Pillar and foundation of the truth?” Most people will answer “The Bible.” Then ask them to look up 1 Timothy 3:15 in THEIR Bible and read it to you: “but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15 (AKJV) You might then ask; “If the Bible alone is the full word of truth, how do you interpret the Bible itself stating that it is the Church that is the Pillar (upholder) and ground (foundation or basis) of the Truth?” This is a direct contradiction of the concept of Sola Scriptura. It opens the door wide to the need for us to pay attention to the Church for all matters concerning faith and morals and our salvation. John 8:32 says “know the truth, and the Truth shall set you free.” A bold statement, but by itself, how do we know what the truth is? IF the Church is the upholder and teacher of the Church, abiding by Her teaching will certainly reveal the Truth! In case the answer to your question about the Pillar and Foundation of the Truth might be answered correctly, your response is easy: “Then am I not right, according to the scriptures, to abide by the teachings of the Church?” We know from experience that this argument will not necessarily sway the beliefs of an opponent, but at least you have established a biblical basis for your own beliefs, and for a Bible Christian, that can be hard to counter. Remember that the Catholic Church takes every word of the bible seriously and ALL of its teachings and traditions have a basis in, or the support of the scriptures. Also know without doubt, there is nothing in the Bible that contradicts the teachings of the Church and there is nothing in the teachings of the church that contradicts the Bible.



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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.
547 days or 78weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
 Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Apr 6	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	✠ Charles Lutak
Apr 7	No Liturgy	
Apr 8	No Liturgy	
Apr 9	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Northern Cambria	5:00PM 
Apr 10	No Liturgy	
Apr 11	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Revloc	5:00PM 
Apr 12	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Apr 13	Sunday of the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	✠ Jan Winograski

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.

5th Sunday of the Great Fast

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 10:32-45

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 8)

The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother, for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ. By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond flesh, which passes, and care for the soul, a thing immortal. And so, O venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Glory Be...

Kondakion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 3)

Once you were filled with every impurity, now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ; following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

Prokeimen of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 4)

God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

Verse Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

Alleluia of the Resurrection(Tone 5)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;
from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;
In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.
The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;*
of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (3)

Weekly Collection - March 30, 2025 - \$1,707.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$1,090.00 Candles - \$5.00 Holy Day - \$5.00

Pysanky Class - \$540.00 Pyrohi - \$40.00 Misc. - \$22.00 Fuel - \$5.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - May 17, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12

Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

March Events

Pyrohi - Pyrohi are available for purchase.

Future Repairs - Anyone wishing to donate toward the future repairs, place your donation in the basket. Write on the envelope for where you wish it to be used (parking lot, flooring in the hall, ceiling repair in the church)

Holy Thursday Dinner - Please sign up for the dinner if you will be attending.

Presanctified Time Change - Services for Friday, April 11 will be at 5:00PM.

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, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, the Clouse Family.

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



Joke of the Day

Billy was the resident cowboy of my kindergarten class, coming to school each day dressed in chaps, a vest, and a cowboy hat. One morning, he excitedly told me that his mother was going to have a baby. "I'm going to teach my little brother all the things every cowboy should know, like how to ride a horse and rope a steer," he exclaimed. "But," I cautioned, "what if your mother gives you a baby sister?" Billy had never considered this, and the possibility stunned him. He gazed out the window for a moment, before saying with resignation, "Then I'm headin' west."