

Catholic Apologetics — The Bible

When Christ left this earth, there was no New Testament. The Jewish scriptures did exist and those who lived at that time revered them as valuable, holy books. Paul, at the time, wrote letters to the communities that he visited, not knowing that someday, they would be counted as part of the teachings of the church. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John did not know that their gospel stories would become the leading chapters of the New Testament. St. John did not know that the visions he had on the island of Patmos would become part of the scriptures as Revelations. The canon of the Bible was not settled in the first years of the church. It was not settled until after repeated, and probably heated, discussions. The final listing was determined by Catholic bishops. The final canon of the listing of the scriptures was decided in 382 AD at the Synod of Rome. In 393 AD, the Council of Hippo, a meeting of African bishops agreed with Rome. Then again in 397 AD and again in 419 AD, bishops met in Carthage and further ratified the selections made by Rome and Hippo. The list of the entire Bible consists of 73 books (not 66 books as the Protestants claim) and has not changed to this day. Therefore, since the source of the Canon of Scripture was the Catholic Church, all those who acknowledge the Bible as God's Word acknowledge the authority of the Catholic Church whether they know it or not. So, then how do we know that the Bible is the Word of God? The Church tells us so. The Church gave us the Bible over sixteen hundred years ago. The Bible was given to the Church in 382 AD and has been the authority of the Church since then.



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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.

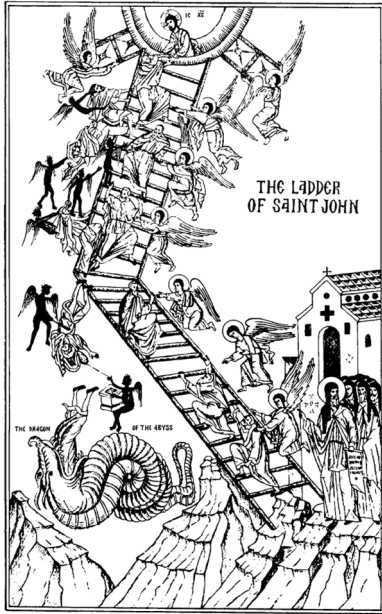
553 days or 79 weeks

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

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Mar 30	Sunday of St. John Climacus	✠ Linda Kusmierski
Mar 31	No Liturgy	
Apr 1	No Liturgy	
Apr 2	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Northern Cambria	5:00PM 
Apr 3	No Liturgy	
Apr 4	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Revloc	3:30PM 
Apr 5	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Apr 6	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	✠ Charles Lutak

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.



4th Sunday of the Great Fast - St. John Climacus

Hebrew 6:13-20

Mark 9:17-31

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion of John of the Ladder (Tone 1)

O John, our God-bearing father, you were shown to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in bodily form, and a worker of miracles. Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts to heal the sick and the souls of those who, with faith, run to you. Glory to Him who gives you strength. Glory to Him who crowned you. Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

Kondakion (Tone 4)

Glory be ... On the heights of true abstinence, the Lord established you as a reliable star, giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth, O father John, our teacher.

Prokeimen (Tone 8)

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heaven; 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 23, 2025 - \$301.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$250.00 Candles - \$5.00 Holy Day - \$10.00

Misc. - \$26.00 Fuel - \$10.00

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.

Easter Bake Sale - Our parish will be baking Paskas and nut roll, apricot roll, and poppyseed rolls. Please spread the word to everyone that you know. These fundraisers help with the budget. Last day to order is April 2nd.

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.

Welcome to Mary Rose to our family in Christ
 Congratulations to Tom and Julia on the birth of their daughter.
 Congratulations to Mary Rose on her reception of the holy mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Eucharist.

May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
 Многая і благая літа!

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

At 82 years old, my husband applied for his first passport. He was told he would need a birth certificate, but his birth had never been officially registered. When he explained his dilemma to the passport agent, the response was less than helpful. "It's all right," the agent said. "Just bring a notarized affidavit from the doctor who delivered you."