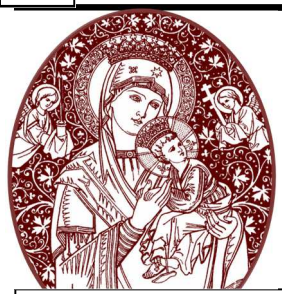


Catholic Apologetics — Scripture in full context

When someone in the New Testament quotes from the Old Testament, we MUST go back to the Old Testament text to see what it means in context. If we don't, we are seriously in jeopardy of misunderstanding or misinterpreting the New Testament text. A prime example of this is when Jesus on the cross cries out "My God, My God, why have you forgotten me?" This has been interpreted by many to mean that at the moment of His death, God turned His back on Jesus. But if Jesus IS God, how could He turn His back on Himself? Jesus used many references to the Old Testament scriptures in His teaching and at the time of His crucifixion, most of the people around the cross would have been very familiar with the psalms. Today if I quote to you, "Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light." I would have to go no further and all of you instantly know the rest of that song and feel at least a little twang of patriotism. Christ is near death on the cross. He is weak from a brutal beating and loss of blood, he is literally suffocating to death from the position of hanging by his arms and he's really not in the mood for long sermons, so he says: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" Everyone at the cross instantly recognizes Psalm 22 which begins with verse 1: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? But ends with verse 31: The generation to come will be told of the Lord, that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn the deliverance you have brought. What has He actually said here? That even though all seems lost and I am now in anguish, great things are to come and God will be in control and we will all be saved. An accurate foretelling of the sacrifice of Christ and the promise of salvation to come. To the people gathered around the cross, this is a powerful statement from their Rabbi. Without this reference, twenty four generations removed from David, Jesus is simply calling out to God, "Why did you do this to me?" This is an extremely important lesson for us to remember. There are powerful references to the Old Testament from the New Testament but if we fail to look at them in their full context we will almost surely misinterpret the meaning of the New Testament passages.



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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.
511 days or 73 weeks

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, May 11	Sunday of the Paralytic	✠ Emma Vargo
May 12	No Liturgy	
May 13	No Liturgy	
May 14	No Liturgy	
May 15	No Liturgy	
May 16	No Liturgy	
May 17	No Liturgy	
Sunday, May 18	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	✠ Jeff Gummo

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 Pascha - The Paralytic

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Kondakion (Tone 3)

Glory be ... Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic, lift my soul by Your divine presence, for by my many sins and foolish actions, I, too, am now afflicted and crippled. Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You: Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Prokeimen (Tone 1)

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever."

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Happy 14th Anniversary to Fr. Andriy and Sarah
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
Многая і благая літа!

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers of the parish.
May God Grant you good health, long life,
and many happy and blessed years!

To the mothers who are no longer with us,
May God grant them eternal rest. Eternal Memory.



Weekly Collection - May 4, 2025 - \$330.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$260.00 Candles - \$5.00 Dues - \$25.00 Misc. \$40.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - May 17, 2025

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

Sight and Sound Trip - Please begin to turn in your payments for the bus trip.

Payments due: Half by May 5th and full by June 2nd.

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 28 to August 1

for all school age children. Mark your calendars. More info to come.

Blessing of Graves - Graves at Holy Name Cemetery will be blessed on May 25.

Parish Picnic - Our annual picnic will be Sunday, June 29. The church will provide chicken. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert.

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 Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem.



Joke of the Day

The ninety-five year old woman at the nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. 'How are you feeling Mary?' the visitor asked. 'Oh,' said the lady, 'I'm just worried sick!' 'What are you worried about, dear?' her friend asked. 'You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?' 'Yes, they are taking very good care of me.' 'Are you in any pain?' she asked. 'No, I have never had a pain in my life.' 'Well, what are you worried about?' her friend asked again. The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry. 'Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went.'