

Catholic Apologetics — Sola Fide Saved by Faith

Many Protestants hold to the idea that all you have to do is profess your faith and acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ and you will be guaranteed a place in Heaven. Another phrase often connected to this belief is “Once saved always saved”, the idea that once you have been saved, nothing you can do after that will delete your salvation from the book of lists. There will be only the final judgment at which your entrance to Heaven is a forgone conclusion. James makes it pretty clear that to have faith, you must also perform works to demonstrate your faith. Martin Luther wanted to remove James from the Bible, ostensibly because of these very chapters, but he would have had to remove quite a bit more to expunge this idea from the Bible, including the passage quoted at the beginning of this session. Let’s look at it in context: Ephesians 2:8-10 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; 9 it is not from works, so no one may boast. 10 For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. In the very next verse, Sola Fide falls apart. This is a prime example of picking, choosing and interpreting Bible verses out of context for your own predetermined understanding. Interpreting verses to fit your own ideas. Remember to read ALL the words and if you still don’t understand what is being said, search for an authority to explain it to you. And what authority would that be? The church, of course. The Bible teaches us that we must constantly do good works lest we be judged that we have not and woe to those who have not. The Bible tells us in many places that we will be judged according to our works or our deeds. Jesus also gives many examples of good works throughout the Gospels.



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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.

518 days or 74 weeks

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, May 4	Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women	Millie & Steve Deskevich 69th Anniversary
May 5	No Liturgy	
May 6	No Liturgy	
May 7	No Liturgy	
May 8	No Liturgy	
May 9	No Liturgy	
May 10	No Liturgy	
Sunday, May 11	Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women	✠ Emma Vargo

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.

3rd Sunday of Pascha - The Myrrh-Bearing Women

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:9

Troparion (Tone 2)

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Troparion (Tone 2)

The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

Kondakion (Tone 2)

Glory be ... You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: "The Savior is risen from the tomb."

Kondakion (Tone 2)

Now and forever... Though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! And giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who granted Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimen (Tone 6)

Save Your people, O Lord and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

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Alleluia

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Verse You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

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Weekly Collection - April 27, 2025 - \$575.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$490.00 Candles - \$5.00 Fuel - \$10.00
Misc. \$50.00 Holy Day - \$10.00 Diocesan - \$10.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - May 17, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12

Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

Parish Events

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.

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.

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



Joke of the Day

A pastor's church was getting too large for him to cover all of the duties so he had a clone made of himself. All was going well, he could be in two hospitals at once praying for the sick, attend two meetings at the same time, this was his answer for his busy life. Suddenly, the genes went crazy and the cloned preacher's personality changed. He started making passes towards women, yelling at drivers who cut him off, and making obscene gestures. This concerned the pastor so he and the clone took a day off and went to the Sears Tower, ate lunch, and enjoyed the view from the top. While the clone was looking at the skyline through the telescope, the pastor pushed him over the side and that was the end of the clone. When the pastor left the building and walked past the crowd that had gathered, the police stopped him and placed him under arrest. 'Under arrest?? What's the charge?' 'Making an obscene clone fall'.