

Catholic Apologetics — The Rapture

Last week, we discussed the first scripture that John Darby used to describe the rapture. This week, we discuss the second scripture associated with the rapture. Matthew 24:37-41 – “For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In (those) days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be (also) at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.” What is often ignored by Protestant Fundamentalists is that this passage is primarily a prophecy about the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 A.D. and secondarily to the end of time. Jesus’ disciples ask our Lord two questions in verse 3, “Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?” They asked these two questions after Jesus said in verse 2, “You see all these things (the temple buildings). Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.” The disciples thought that the destruction of the Temple would occur at the end of time. In reality, the Temple is a type of the world and its destruction was itself a foreshadowing of the end of time. Hence, when the destruction of the Temple was about to take place, it was like the days of Noah. The Christians were spared and the wicked were destroyed. Indeed, it is believed that not one Christian died in the siege of Jerusalem since they all fled to Palla heeding our Lord’s warnings. Remember, read all of the verses around the verses that are being used for a specific purpose. In this case, the “rapture” was actually the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD, and all Christians of the time were saved because of the warning that Jesus gave to them.



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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.  
**448 days or 64 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, Jul 13	5th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Joseph Podgorney
Jul 14	No Liturgy	
Jul 15	No Liturgy	
Jul 16	No Liturgy	
Jul 17	No Liturgy	
Jul 18	No Liturgy	
Jul 19	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jul 20	6th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Michael Lutak Kline 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.*

Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew 14:14-22

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 the Fathers (Tone 8)

Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassion Lord.

Kondakion (Tone 4)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Kondakion of the Fathers (Tone 6)

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born twofold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it we revere it faithfully. Therefore the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ’s becoming man.

Prokeimen

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous Alleluia. (3)

Weekly Collection - July 6, 2025 - \$614.00. Thank you for your generosity.  
Sunday - \$570.00 Candles - \$5.00 Dues - \$30.00 Misc - \$9.00

PARISH NEWS

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 28 to August 1 for all school age children.

Mark your calendars. Sign-up forms in the vestibule

Gob Days - We will making gobs on August 8 at 8:00AM

Pyrohi Day - We will be pinching the third batch for PotatoFest on Wednesday, July 16

100th Anniversary Planning - Anyone wishing to help organize and take responsibility for a portion of the preparation for the 100th Anniversary, see Deacon Chris or Edna.

Photos - Please begin to look through your photos for pictures from church events to be used for the 100th Anniversary. As the photos are brought to church, they will be scanned and returned to you the following Sunday.

Future Events:

July 24 – Sight and Sound Trip to NOAH

July 28 -Aug 1 – Vacation Bible School for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup>.

August 6 and August 15 - Holy Days - Blessing of Fruit (8/6) Blessing of Flowers (8/15)

September 27 – Ebensburg Potato Fest

October 5 - Parish Feast Day covered dish dinner.

December 7 - Annual St. Nicholas Visit

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, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones. <i>To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.</i>
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Joke of the Day	We were in a restaurant, perusing the menu, when I let my husband know that he rarely paid attention to me when I spoke. Well, of course, he disagreed, so we went back to reading our menus in chilly silence. After a few uncomfortable minutes, I said, “I think I’m getting a headache.” He responded, “Go ahead, sweetheart; get whatever you want.”
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