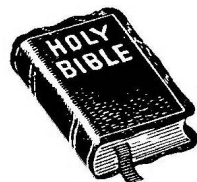


## What is the difference between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible?

The main difference between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible is in the seven books that a Catholic Bible includes and Protestant does not. These books are Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Baruch, Tobit, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees which Catholics refer to as Deuterocanonical, and Protestants as Apocrypha (from the Greek adjective “apocryphos”) meaning “of doubtful authorship or authenticity”.



Apocryphal writings are a class of documents rejected by some as being worthy to properly be called Scripture. However, these books have never been totally ignored. Martin Luther, for example, doubted the canonicity of four New Testament books: Hebrews, James, Jude and Revelation.

In 1546, Roman Catholic Church made a list of the books considered inspired (canon) and taken from the Septuagint. The Septuagint is the name of the original Greek translation of the Old Testament used by the Diaspora Jews (those who lived outside of the Holy Land) and early Christians. It was a time when Greek was the common language of the Mediterranean world, and the Hebrew language was dying.

When the Jewish rabbis developed their canon of the Bible they realized that it had all the same books of the Greek Septuagint with the exception of the seven books mentioned earlier. They simply decided not to include those seven books because they did not have Hebrew versions of them.

In the 1500s, the Protestant reformers followed Luther in deciding to go with the Jewish rabbis and delete the seven Deuterocanonical books of the canon (Apocrypha). Since then we have two Christian bibles: The Catholic Bible with 46 books and the Protestant Bible with 39. The nicest thing of all of this is the fact that today many Catholic priests and Protestant ministers study Scripture together.

We have come a long way!

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### ShareLife

ShareLife-funded agencies help hundreds of people deal with the challenges of life.

Every year we have three collections. You can donate to our first ShareLife collection starting today, until March 27th.

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### First Communion Final Meeting

We will have one final meeting for the parents and children receiving their First Communion that could not attend our previous meetings. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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### Donation Envelopes for 2022

If you did not pick up your weekly donation envelopes for 2022, the remaining boxes are in the Sacristy for your convenience.

If you do not wish to use a numbered box, please contact our office.

# St. Mary's Church

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Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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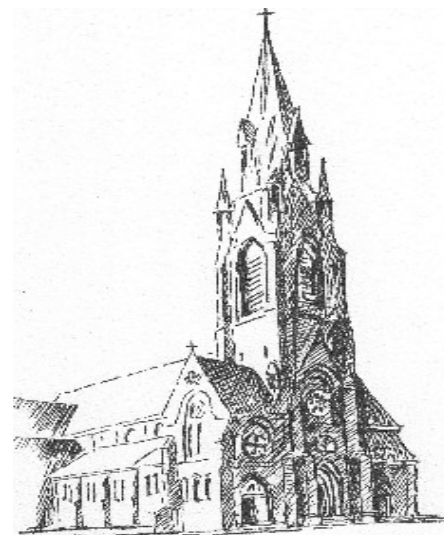
Confessions

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00 pm

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### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

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### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

6:30 pm Portuguese



## II Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

**First Reading (Gen 15:5-12.17-18)** The First Reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with him.

**Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Second Reading (Phil 3:17-4:1)** Paul urges his converts to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

**Gospel (Lk 9:28-36)** We hear Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. The chief significance of the Tabor experience was for Jesus himself, and this is what Luke emphasises. The incident was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. It comforted him to know that the road he was traveling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah. The transfiguration also benefited the apostles. It prepared them for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### Lent Confessions

Thursday, March 31st and Friday, April 1st, from 10:30 to 12:00 noon.

### You Are the Voice

**You are the voice of the living God,  
calling us now to live in your love;  
to be children of God once again!**

Praise for the light that shines through the night,  
from darkness to light, from death to new life,  
and praise to the morning that brings forth the sun,  
to open our eyes to the Lord,  
to open our eyes to the Lord!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea,  
the seed that gives life to all believe,  
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord,  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord!

Praise for the singing and praise for the dance,  
with new heart and voice, all raise the song  
of praise to creation; all heaven and earth,  
come sing of the Glory of God,  
come sing of the Glory of God!

### Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart,  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall,  
So must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited  
for your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you  
To your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace  
Faithfulness will be your joy.

### On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand**

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Under his wings your refuge  
His faithfulness your shield

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

### Blest Be the Lord

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear, the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes,  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,  
No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,  
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.  
His faithful love is all the armour that I need  
To wage my battle with my foe.

### Mass Intentions For This Week

#### Saturday, March 12

**5:00pm:** Teófilo Ponte—Manuel Pereira

**6:30pm:**

#### Sunday, March 13

**8:30am:** Nelissa da Mota

**10:00am:** Community—José Carlos Silva—Ildeberto Camara—Maria do Carmo Cordeiro

**11:30am:** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Maria de Lurdes Teixeira & Cecilia Medeiros—Intention for Victoria Aggabao

**1:00 pm:** 50th Anniversary of Manuel Gabriel & Maria de Lurdes Ferreira—Praise to Our Lady of Lourdes

#### Monday, March 14

**9:00 am:** Uncles of Rosa Mota

**6:00 pm:** Manuel & Maria Couto & family

#### Tuesday, March 15

**9:00 am:** Horácio Amarelo

**6:00 pm:** Luis & Conceição Soares

#### Wednesday, March 16

**9:00 am:** Manuel de Amaral Morgado

**6:00 pm:** Souls in purgatory

#### Thursday, March 17

**9:00 am:** Carolina De La Rocha

**6:00 pm:** Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents & siblings

#### Friday, March 18

**9:00 am:** Margie Eades

**6:00 pm:** Ermelinda Arruda

#### Saturday, March 19

**5:00 pm:** Mariano Machado—Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral—Praise to St. Joseph

**6:30 pm:** Fernando & Agrinoalda Camara—Praise to St. Joseph—For all who suffer