

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, the 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!

Opening of the Jubilee Mass

Next Thursday, February 20th, we will have the opening Mass of the Jubilee in our church. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun with various priest in attendance.

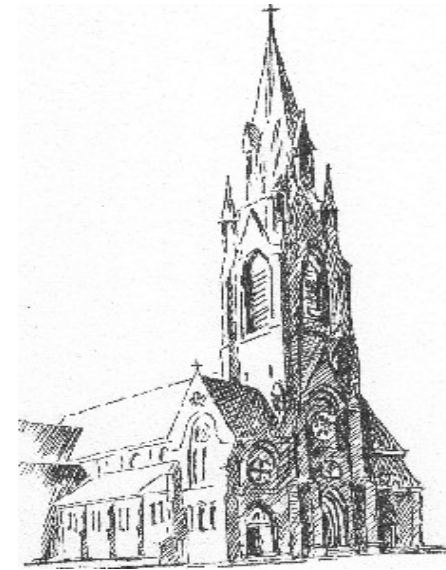
We will have Confessions from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Our church will be open from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Pilgrims and groups that wish to visit our church at other times, must contact the parish office for arrangements.



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OFFICE HOURS
Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses
8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses
Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English

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Baptism—Sundays
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

Confessions
Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

Schools
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
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**V Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025**

The First Reading tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In a vision in the Temple, God reveals himself to Isaiah as the All-Holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative, and also the total response he requires.

Psalm: *Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.*

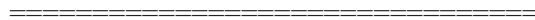
The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy. There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity.



The Summons

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

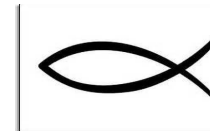
Lord, When You Came to the Seashore

Lord, when you came to the seashore,
You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
But only asking that I might follow.

**Oh Lord, in my eyes you were gazing
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying,
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there
Close to you, I will find other seas.**

Lord, you knew what my boat carried,
neither money nor weapons for fighting
But nets for fishing, my daily labour.

Lord, have you need of my labour
hands for service, a heart made for loving
My arms for lifting the poor and broken.



Sing to the Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Mass Intentions For This Week



Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo—Souls in purgatory—Alda Medeiros—José Jacinto Medeiros, Lindaura & Jeremias Melo

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am.

10:00 am. Community—Maria Armandina da Silva—José Gomes Pinheiro, parents & in-laws—José de Amaral, Maria Bolarinho—Tony Faria

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente

1:00 pm.

Monday, February 10

9:00 am. Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws & family

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am. António Cordeiro & family

6:00 pm. Manuel, Maria Couto & family

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Odilia Correia, intention of Ernesto Correia

Thursday, February 13

9:00 am. Aristides Miguel

6:00 pm. Deodato & Leontina Medeiros

Friday, February 14

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm.