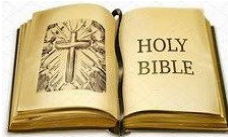


THE HOLY BIBLE The principles used by the early church to determine whether a New Testament book was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit were fourfold. 1. The author must be an apostle or have a close connection with an apostle. 2. The book must have been accepted by the Christian communities at large. 3. The book had to contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching. 4. The book had to bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit as the divine Author. The canonical books of the Christian Bible were enumerated and approved by various councils, synods, and popes of the Catholic Church, beginning with the Council of Rome in year 382 presided over by Pope Damasus I. In year 393, a council of bishops, including St. Augustine, affirmed the same canon of Scripture at the Synod of Hippo. The Synod of Carthage in 397 and the Council of Carthage in 419 reaffirmed the canon of the Bible given at the Synod of Hippo. In 1442 the Council of Florence once again reaffirmed the 73 books of the Canon of Scripture. Then, finally, in 1546 the Council of Trent declared the same list of 73 books to be the complete and authoritative canon of Sacred Scripture. So, between the Council of Rome (382) and the Council of Trent (1546) there were at least seven consistent affirmations by the Church of the same list of 73 books – 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament – that constituted the canon of the Christian Bible.



THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025. What is a Jubilee? In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' is used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. "Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year, a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation. The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

ST MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL meeting is Dec.02/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend.
2. "November is Membership Month". If you have not sent in your membership forms and fees please do so. The deadline for memberships is Dec.08/24. New members will find Membership Envelopes in the foyer under the bulletin board in a tub.
3. The CWL "Helping Others Project" has come to an end. Thanks to all who donated items.
4. Your donation is so appreciated by the CWL, St. Vincent de Paul and of course the recipients who receive them. YOU, the parishioners have donated 408 items. What a great number. Congratulations!
5. Thank you to all who donated food to the CWL Canteen at the Grafton Christmas Market. It is so appreciated! Thank you also to all who worked at the canteen and helped make it a success. The food was delicious. Thank you to parishioners who dropped by and enjoyed the food. All profits will go to CWL, church and community projects.

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Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.
 Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

