

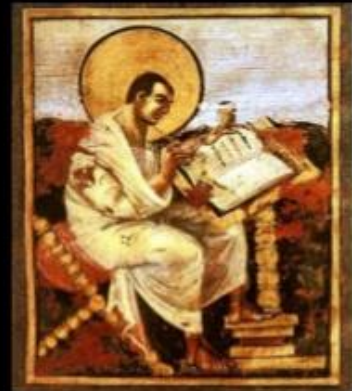
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Hello Monday Morning. Back to working 9-5!

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102620.cfm>
2. **The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:** My Protestant friends say that their church goes by the Bible alone, but that the Catholic Church has added a lot of man made traditions to the Word of God...is that true?
3. Quote of the Day: Sometimes a picture helps!

Scripture & Tradition

Sacred Scripture is the Word of God written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



Sacred Tradition is the Divine Truth preserved and transmitted through Apostolic teaching.

Don't forget to clear your calendar for the Parish Mission starting tomorrow through Thursday!

Parish Office Communication

Have a terrific day even though it will be cloudy!



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My Protestant friends say that their church goes by the Bible alone, but that the Catholic Church has added a lot of man-made traditions to the Word of God...is that true?

No, it is not true. Protestants have as their sole rule of faith the written Word of God, which we find in Sacred Scripture. The Catholic Church has as its sole rule of faith, the entire Word of God, as it is found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. All of the Word of God was at one time passed on orally...Sacred Tradition. Eventually, some of Sacred Tradition was written down...this became Sacred Scripture, which is written tradition. However, Scripture itself tells us that not all of the things that Jesus said and did were written down.

Listen to what Paul says about "tradition":

2 Thes 2:15, "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the **traditions** which you were taught by us, either by **word of mouth** or by letter." Traditions! Traditions taught by word of mouth, in other words, **oral tradition**, and traditions taught by letter. Traditions which they are being told to "stand firm and hold to". Sacred Scripture and Sacred Traditions.

1 Cor 11:2, "I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the **traditions** even as I have delivered them to you." The Corinthians are being commended by Paul because they maintain the traditions that he passed on to them. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

2 Tim 2:2, "and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." What we have here in 2 Timothy is an instance, in Scripture, of Paul **commanding** the passing on of oral tradition.

1 Thes 2:13, "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers." So, they received as the Word of God that which they heard, not simply that which they read in Scripture.

In other words, the Bible clearly supports the Catholic Church's teaching that the Word of God is contained in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

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