



It Takes Two...

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Scripture and Tradition



# As Catholics, we believe

- God revealed Himself to us in Scripture
  - The Word of the God
  - The Bible
- And in Traditions
  - Eyewitness accounts of who God is
  - Handed down from before the written word

God has always been revealing Himself to us....

- God has always existed... **ALWAYS**
  - Before time..as we know it..
- How do we come to know God...
  - The first people knew God through creation, the gifts of nature that sustained them.
  - Once they learned how to live using these gifts they shared the knowledge.
  - We now have the benefit of history – S/T

# The difference in T/tradition



- Sacred Traditions were passed down through preaching and the teaching of the apostles.
- Small “t” traditions are events or rituals that families or communities engage in.
- Traditions help us to know God and are part of His Divine Revelations.

# Scripture V/S Tradition??

- In some other religious denominations
  - Their rule of faith is based on Scripture alone
- In the Catholic faith
  - Some people say we pay more attention to Tradition.
  - NOT TRUE... Catholic believe Sacred Scripture and Tradition are not in opposition, rather they support and compliment each other.

# Traditions

- The Church's public rituals
- “Memorial stones that mark the spot of people's own Jacob ladder.” Greg Dues
  - Sacraments
  - The Divine Office
  - Altars (Exodus 20:24)
  - The Liturgical Year
  - Sacred Music and Art

# Small Group Discussion

- Take 15 minutes to discuss your two questions in your small group.



Take a guess...

- Where do you think the quote comes from

- The Bible

or

- The Catechism



# Answers to the questions

- 1 – Bible; 1 Corinthians 11:2
- 2 – Catechism; 96
- 3 – Bible; 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- 4 – Catechism; 100
- 5 – Bible; 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- 6 – Bible; Philippians 4:9
- 7 – Catechism; 68

# Create a tradition

- As small group, brainstorm and create a tradition that the group will participate in every week.
- Examples...
  - Each member of the group agrees to pray a certain prayer during the week.
  - Each member of the group will pray the Rosary at a certain time.
  - Each member of the group will perform a certain act of faith or charity
  - You would like the Edge program to.....

# Week's Challenge

- Remember
  - God is always revealing Himself to us
  - Eyewitness accounts of who God is and how He has acted throughout history is called **Tradition**.
  - Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition go together to reveal what God is doing.
  - Remember your small group tradition and take some time to read Scripture and to experience our Sacred Traditions by attending Mass.