

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ...



This week I want to continue with the discussion of how the Church understands Divine Revelation. Last week I wrote about how the Church understands the revelation in scripture. This week I want to continue with the second leg of the stool, Sacred Tradition.

It is important that I first distinguish between tradition and Tradition. Lower case t tradition are long standing customs and habits that tend to be passed down from generation to generation. These are things like how we celebrate holidays and how we treat our dead. As Catholics we have many traditions from the clothing that the priest wears to the fact that as American Catholics, we tend to celebrate secular national holidays like Labor Day. These things are not divinely revealed. Through time the vesture of the priest has changed, and in the future it might change again. As far as I am aware it is only in the US that the Church recognizes secular holidays and celebrates them. These things are tradition. Tradition, with a capital T, on the other hand are things that the Church claims to be revealed by God outside of the scriptures. These are things like that Mary was Assumed into heaven at the end of her life or that she was Immaculately conceived. These are things that are not in the Bible but we believe to be revealed by God none the less.

It begs the question why do we believe things are revealed by God if they are not in scripture? Our Protestant brothers and sisters would be appalled at the very idea. In fact, that was one of the driving forces of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther argued that Scripture is the only way God reveals himself. One of the core tenets of Protestantism is Sola Scriptura, or only Scripture. The slightly cheeky response to that is where do you find Sola Scriptura in the scriptures? The more serious answer is that throughout the New Testament there are passages that suggest that Scripture does not contain all of the teachings of the Gospel. John at the end of his Gospel says that all the books in the world could not contain the full teaching of Jesus Christ. Paul in his letters says that his letters are not the full extent of what he taught to the communities about the Gospel, for two examples. If all that Jesus taught is not contained in the words of Scripture, then there must be some other way for us to know what Jesus wanted us to know and do. For us as Catholics, these things that are revealed by God but not in Scripture are every bit as important as the Bible itself. These things have been handed down from generation to generation from the Apostles to the present day. It is these things that we call Sacred Tradition.

-Fr. Daniel Dillard

MASS INTENTIONS

November 16, 2025

Sun	11/16	07:00 AM	Jordan Andy Evans
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parish
Mon	11/17	07:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue	11/18	07:00 AM	Phyllis Roberts
Wed	11/19	06:55 AM	Kenny Self
Thurs	11/20	07:00 AM	Kathryn Thomas
Fri	11/21	07:00 AM	Bernard Marks
Sat	11/22	04:00 PM	Michael Roberts
Sun	11/23	07:00 AM	Margaret Bickett
		10:30 AM	St. Martin Parishioners



COMING UP IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

NOVEMBER 16	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
NOVEMBER 19	Confirmaton Prep 6-7:30pm - Parish Center	
NOVEMBER 19	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 5-6PM	
NOVEMBER 26-30	Thanksgiving BREAK	
NOVEMBER 27	THANKSGIVING DAY	
NOVEMBER 30	SHOP WITH A COP COLLECTION	
DECEMBER 7	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	
DECEMBER 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7:00 am Mass	H O L Y
DECEMBER 14	Faith Formation 9:00-10:15	

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 15th — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Allen Self
Eucharistic Ministers:	Debi Hopkins Janice McCarthy Jeff McCarthy
Altar Servers:	Emmie Buck & Noah McBride
Sunday, November 16th — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Isaac Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Hamilton Darlene May Mike Wade
Altar Servers:	Abi Murphy & Will Murphy
Sunday, November 16th — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Krystal Medley
Eucharistic Ministers:	Matt Bell Caleb McCarthy Jessica Johnson
Altar Servers:	Spencer Medley & Jude Evans
Saturday, November 22nd — 4:00 PM	
Lector:	Stacy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Brent McCarty Jena Hayden Kathy Simmons
Altar Servers:	Molly Knott & Paxton LaHugh
Sunday, November 23rd — 7:00 AM	
Lector:	Mackenzie Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Will Clayton Lauren Ebelhar Erica Tapp
Altar Servers:	Hagan Ebelhar & Will Murphy
Sunday, November 23rd — 10:30 AM	
Lector:	Matt Bell
Eucharistic Ministers:	Cheryl Clark Debi Hopkins Nancy Greenwell
Altar Servers:	J.T. Edge & Hayden Edge
	TODAY'S MUSIC: 752 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 819 Eye Has Not Seen 693 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light 730 How Great Thou Art
	TODAY'S READINGS: Ritual Song #1292

STEWARDSHIP

November 09, 2025	
(Includes Picnic & Fundraising Deposits / Insurance Claim Money Excluded) (These numbers consider only actual income vs. budgeted income and do not consider any expense; therefore, budget income less expenses may reflect something different!)	
Regular Collections:	\$ 6,860.00
Building Fund:	\$ 120.00
Special/Designated Collections:	\$ 3,915.00
TOTAL:	\$ 10,895.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,692.31
Collections (YTD):	\$ 202,600.48
Budget (YTD):	\$ 203,153.77
Over/(Under):	\$ (553.29)

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The date of the next Confirmation session is this week, Wednesday, Nov. 19. Parents / sponsors are always most welcome to attend.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

is IN SESSION this Sunday, November 16. Schedules are in the vestibule of church, or you can have one emailed to you. Remember, it is never too late to join us. All children are welcome here!

WHAT IS CATECHESIS?

Catholic catechesis is the Church's way of educating its members about the faith. It is a structured process that passes down the teachings of Jesus Christ as preserved by the Church. This education includes learning about the sacraments, prayer, scripture, and moral living. Each week for a while, there will be some "catechesis on catechesis" in this bulletin column. To begin, What is Faith Formation?

FAITH FORMATION

is a lifelong process in the Catholic Church that helps individuals grow in their relationship with God. It involves teaching the core beliefs, practices, and moral teachings of Catholicism to people of all ages.

CATHOLIC CATECHESIS

aims to deepen understanding of scripture, tradition, and the Church's teachings as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC).

*This process is essential for fostering a strong spiritual life and preparing individuals to live out their faith in the world. It is not just for children but continues through adulthood, adapting to each stage of life.

* More on this topic next week... Read more at: <https://www.catholicshare.com/catholic-catechesis-why-faith-formation-matters/>

Please contact Debi with any concerns and /or questions: debihopkins7@hotmail.com or 270-316-2580, or you can always leave a message at the parish office; 270-685-0339.

-Debi Hopkins

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.
— from The Catholic Prayer Book, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

 **WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR:** All serving in foreign countries and all over the World, the victims of natural disasters, and for Kristin Bucio, Danny Campbell, Phillip Cecil, Allen Coomes, Cindy Coomes, Theresa Crowe, Jean Dennis, Anita Dixon, Barbara Dixon, Judy Duncan, Arlene Dunn, Delaney Ebelhar, Harold Ebelhar, Elaine Glenn, James Glenn, June Hamilton, Richard Hamilton, Wayne Hamilton, Bob Hayden, Lorraine Hayden, Rose Hayden, Meredith Hendershot, Tommy Hermann, Dena Hiller, Lucy Hines, Dan Hopkins, Steve Hopkins, Dorothy Howard, Julie Jackson, Donna Kamuf, Jeremy Leet, Brent McCarty, Ella Meyers, Debbie Millay, Theresa Murphy, Patrick O’Bryan, James Payne, Robbie Phillips, Rosalee McCarty, Theresa Rhinerson, Martha Riney, Susan Risse, Carissa Roberts, Mark Roberts, Matthew Roberts Family, Will Roberts, Adam Rone, Barbara Schell, Jennifer Self & Family, Todd Self, Jane Shelton, Wayne Shelton, Aaron Simmons, Jimmy Simmons, Erica Tapp Family, Ashton Thompson, Ben Thompson, Betty Wedding, Jerry Wink, Patti Wink, Theresa Wyatt & any others in need of prayer. *Any changes: nicole@grayskymusic.com*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/03	Theresa Wyatt
11/04	Caron Head
11/05	Mary Todd
11/06	Robert Fischer
11/07	Tammie Thomas
	Steven Vaught
	Heath Smith
11/09	Nick Krampe
11/11	Kynslee Sloan
11/12	Eli Murphy
11/13	Gerard Johnson
11/14	Jansen Glenn
11/15	Claire Riley
11/16	Patrick Krampe
11/17	Janice McCarthy
	Jessica Johnson
	Natalie Smith
11/19	Lucas Sweeney
	Aubrey LaHugh
11/21	Anna Rae Ebelhar
11/22	Lydia Hayden
	Karen McCarty
11/24	Richard Dixon
11/26	Andrew Gray
	Luke Evans
	Walker Chandler
	Janet Clancy
	Nora Hundley
11/27	Sharon Reisz
11/28	Chris Todd
11/29	John Bickett
	Allen Self
	Marcie Fischer



Anniversary

11/04/95	Joe & Cheryl Clark
11/05/22	Timothy & Channell Hood
11/05/11	Ben & Katie Marks
11/06/65	Wayne & Betty Hamilton
11/09/24	Nicholas & Lillie Fischer
11/09/19	John & Lindsey McBride
11/25/72	Bobby & Mary Colette Reisz
11/29/14	Alex & Sarah Marks

To have your birthday or anniversary listed or if your birthday or anniversary date is missing, call the office. (270) 685-0339.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

IN THIS PASSAGE. JESUS RESPONDS TO PEOPLE ADMIRING THE BEAUTY OF THE TEMPLE BY REMINDING THEM THAT MATERIAL THINGS. NO MATTER HOW MAGNIFICENT. WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. HE FORETELLS A TIME WHEN THE TEMPLE WILL BE DESTROYED — WHEN “NOT ONE STONE WILL BE LEFT UPON ANOTHER.” HIS DISCIPLES ASK WHEN THIS WILL HAPPEN AND WHAT SIGNS WILL PRECEDE IT. JESUS WARNS THEM NOT TO BE DECEIVED BY FALSE PROPHETS CLAIMING TO SPEAK IN HIS NAME OR PREDICTING THAT THE END IS NEAR. HE EXPLAINS THAT WARS. CONFLICTS. EARTHQUAKES. FAMINES. AND PLAGUES WILL OCCUR. BUT THESE EVENTS ARE NOT THE IMMEDIATE END — THEY ARE ONLY PART OF WHAT MUST HAPPEN FIRST. MORE IMPORTANTLY. JESUS TELLS THEM THEY WILL FACE PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH. THEY WILL BE ARRESTED. TRIED BEFORE RULERS. AND EVEN BETRAYED BY THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. YET. AMID ALL THIS SUFFERING. HE PROMISES THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OR ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT TO SAY. FOR HE HIMSELF WILL GIVE THEM WISDOM THAT NO ONE CAN REFUTE. ULTIMATELY. JESUS ASSURES THEM THAT ENDURANCE AND FAITH WILL LEAD TO SALVATION: “BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES.” HIS WORDS REMIND BELIEVERS TO PLACE THEIR TRUST NOT IN EARTHLY STRUCTURES OR SECURITY BUT IN GOD’S UNSHAKABLE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON:

1. WHAT DOES JESUS’ WARNING ABOUT THE TEMPLE TEACH US ABOUT THE IMPERMANENCE OF WORLDLY THINGS?
2. HOW CAN WE REMAIN STEADFAST IN FAITH AND PEACE WHEN FACED WITH FEAR. CONFUSION. OR PERSECUTION?

GOSPEL REFLECTION




St. Martin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY

5–6pm


MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS
Men’s club meets the 1st Monday of the month.
6:00pm in Winter & 7:00pm in Summer




CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

We’re putting together a Children’s Choir for Christmas — and all kids are welcome to join in the joy of singing traditional Christmas carols! Rehearsals will be limited (only 2–3 practices in the coming weeks), so it’s a wonderful opportunity for children to get involved without a big time commitment. If your child would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Becky Buck, Mary Reisz, or Daven Edmonds for more details. Let’s make this Christmas extra special with the beautiful voices of our children! 🎵

SHOP WITH A COP

 \$2,000 Goal
St. Martin Special Collection:
Nov. 23 & Nov. 30, 2025
Extra envelopes are in the pews!

Every dollar helps support 10 local kids this Christmas. 

This replaces our traditional Giving Tree. THANK YOU for helping make Christmas brighter for children in our community!

DECEMBER 12

HOLY SPIRIT IN BOWLING GREEN



An Advent / Christmas Concert

Comfort & Joy

with Contemporary Catholic Artists

Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano