

# Each Day Anew

Today, I begin a holy day  
Blessed by the holy Three

Each day a blessing,

Each night a rest,

A dweller in a holy place,

Each day a page,

Each week a chapter

In the hand of God.

Amen.

*My Soul Longs For You, O God*  
*Chapters 3&4*  
*Inspired To Be Witnesses of the Gospel*



St. John Parish  
Little Chute

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?

# Tonight we will explore:

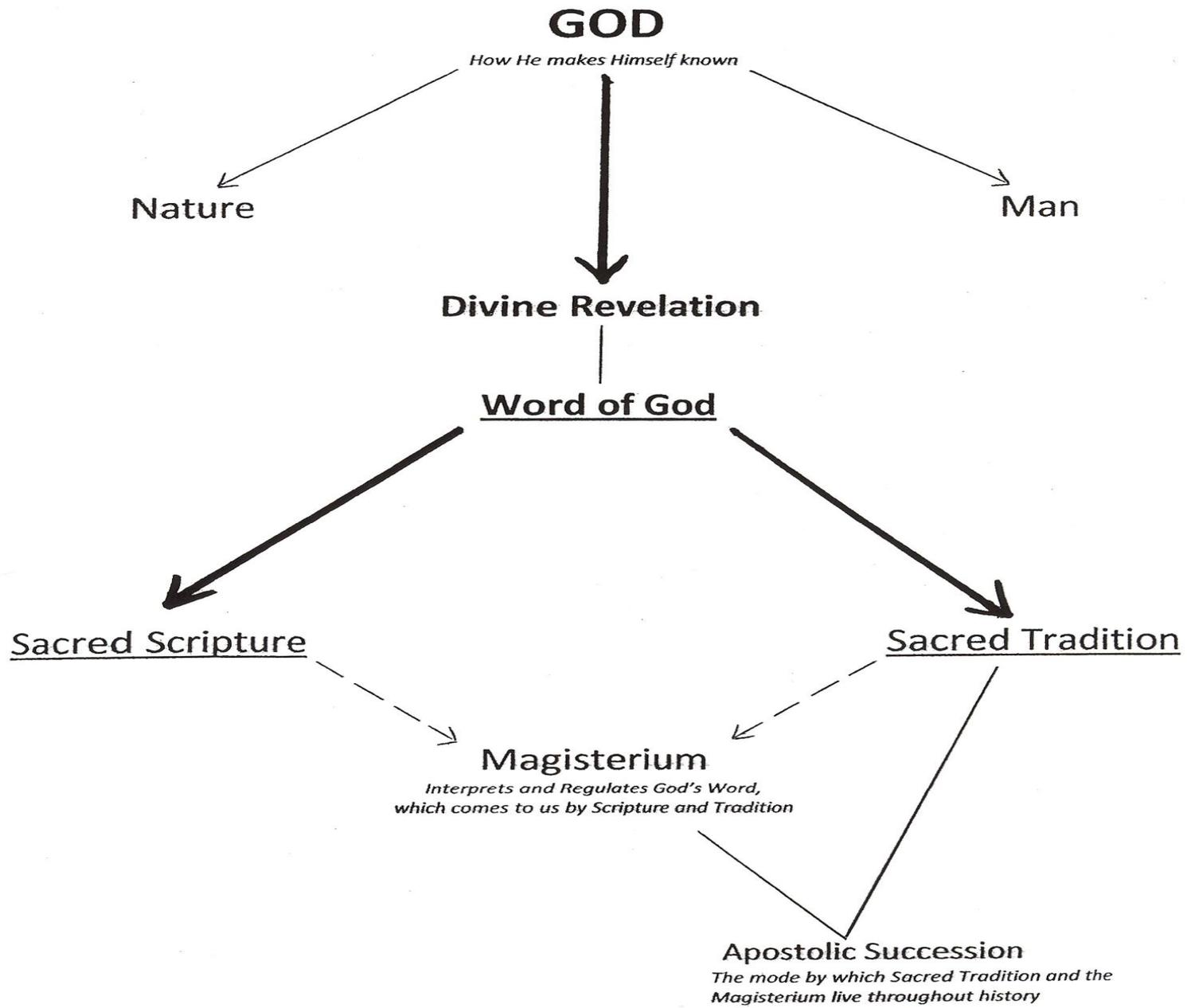
**Sacred Tradition**

Living Tradition

Deposit of Faith

Apostolic Succession







# The Story Of Pope John XXIII

It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope.

Pope John XXIII

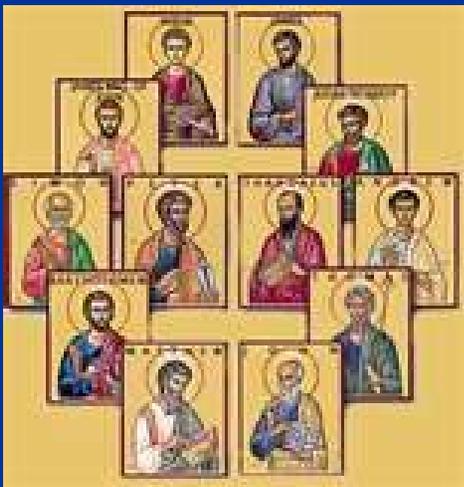
Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII

- Which of these goals speaks to your heart?
- Which goals might surprise you?
- How are we fulfilling these goals today?

# The mandate to Teach

“Command and teach these things. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterances when the elders laid their hands upon you.” (1 Tim 4:11, 14).



# The role of Tradition

So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter” (2 Thess 2:15).



# How is God's revelation communicated to us?



Revelation is communicated to us in the Apostolic Tradition. What does this mean? Christ the Lord embodied in his saving words and deeds the fullness of Revelation. He commissioned his Apostles to preach the Gospel of salvation and the kingdom, promised by the prophets and fulfilled in his paschal mystery.

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The Apostles handed on the Gospel in two ways. (1) Orally. They proclaimed the revealed message of salvation in their preaching, their witness, and the institutions they established. They preached what Jesus taught them and what they learned from the prompting of the Holy Spirit. (2) In Writing. The message of salvation was written down by the Apostles and other men associated with them, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



# Apostolic Succession

This Apostolic Tradition was continued in what we call “Apostolic Succession.” To make sure the Gospel would be saved in the Church, the Apostles created bishops as their successors and gave them their own teaching authority. This living transmission is called Tradition, which is distinct from Sacred Scripture but closely connected to it.

# Being Inspired By the Gospel

“But above all it is the Gospels that occupy my mind when I’m at prayer. My poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I’m always finding fresh lights there, hidden and enthralling meanings.”

St. Therese of Lisieux



# Challenges to the Interpretation of Scripture

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The Pontifical Biblical Commission lists five unacceptable assumptions about biblical interpretations:

1. the denial of a supernatural order;
2. the denial of God's intervention in the world through revelation;
3. the denial of the possibility and existence of miracles;
4. the incompatibility of faith with historical truth;
5. an almost a priori denial of the historical value of the nature of the documents of revelation.

# The Response to Revelation is Faith



*Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.*

*Hebrews 11:1*

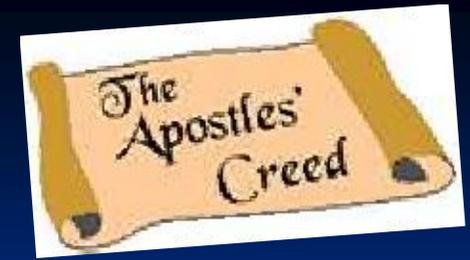
- By faith we give our minds and hearts to God. St. Paul speaks of this as the “obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5, 16:26). The word obedience comes from the Latin word ob-audire, meaning to hear. Faith opens us to hearing God’s loving words that tell us of our human dignity and our eternal destiny. We are meant to be both hearers of the Word and doers of the Word.

# The historical reliability of the Gospels

- The Church, even in Vatican II, as always asserted the historical reliability of the Gospels. To quote again from *Dei Verbum*: “Holy Mother Church has firmly and with absolute constancy held, and continues to hold, that the four Gospels...whose historical character the Church unhesitatingly asserts, faithfully hand on what Jesus Christ...really did and taught...” (DV 19). The Gospels hold a special place within the New Testament since they are the primary witnesses to the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus. We also recognize that we read the New Testament in light of what came before in the Old Testament, and we read the Old Testament with an eye to Christ who is its fulfillment. “As an old saying puts it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New” (CCC 129).



# Credo “I Believe”



- **Apostles' Creed:** The Apostles' Creed is a creed developed in the second century by the church at Rome for the sacrament of Baptism and accurately reflects the faith of the Apostles.
- **Nicene Creed:** This creed was the result of the Councils of Nicaea (325) and First Constantinople (381) which addressed questions concerning the humanity and divinity of Christ and the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Normally, this is the creed used at Sunday liturgies.

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

St Thomas Aquinas





## *We Bless Each Other*

Leader:

In blessing our foreheads, we claim the power of reason, to know the path that will lead us to the fulfillment of our hopes.

All: I use my head for understanding.

Leader:

In blessing our lips, we claim power to speak the truth about our experience.

All: I use my lips for truth.

Leader:

In blessing our eyes, we claim the power of vision, to see clearly the forces of life and growth in our midst.

All: I use my eyes for insightfulness.



## *We Bless Each Other*

Leader: In blessing our hands, we claim the power to walk the paths of our courageous ancestors and to forge new paths with our plans.

All: I use my hands for charity.

Leader: In blessing our chest, we claim the creative power that rests collectively in our shared struggle as men and women. We choose to extend our love in service to a world in need.

All: I use my heart for love.

Leader: Please take a moment to bless the forehead of those who sit next to you saying “May our lives be blessings for one another”.