

May 27, 2007

Pentecost Sunday

# Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

This Tuesday night, Monsignor Douglas Raun will celebrate his 25th year in the priesthood. A very special Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30. The Mass will be followed by a reception. I invite you and encourage you to join me, Fr. DePalma, Archbishop Sheehan, and 40 of our brother priests as we celebrate Monsignor's special day. For over ten years, Monsignor has been for us a great leader. Let's show him our appreciation and love by celebrated with him his 25th anniversary. See you Tuesday night.

Have a most blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

*Remember  
Memorial  
Day*



**Holy Rosary**

Sunday .....7:40AM  
Sunday .....10:40AM

**Holy Mass**

Sunday .....8:00AM  
Sunday ..... 11:00AM



## Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

# Scripture and Tradition

Martin Luther's theory of Sola Scriptura, Latin for Scripture alone, adopted by Protestants claims the Bible is the only rule of faith and contains all the material one needs to be a practicing Christian.

Catholics, on the other hand, recognize that Scripture itself denies this belief. As Catholic Answers notes "the true Bible itself, is Scripture plus apostolic tradition, as manifested in the living teaching authority of the Catholic Church, to which were entrusted both the oral teachings of Jesus and the apostles, along with the authority to interpret Scripture correctly". (see the Second Vatican Council's document on divine revelation, Dei Verbum, Latin: "The Word of God").

Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, was inspired by God (Tim. 3:16). It was the work of the Holy Spirit who guided the biblical writers to write what He wanted them to write. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 107, citing Dei Verbum 11- see above- states "we must therefore acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully and without error teach the truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures".

The proof that Sola Scriptura is in grave error is found in the Bible itself. In fact the Bible teaches the contrary idea:

- 1 Cor 11:2-hold fast to traditions I handed on to you
- 2 Thess 2:15-hold fast to traditions, whether oral or by letter
- 2 Thess 3:6-Shun those acting not according to traditions
- Acts 20:35-Paul records a saying of Jesus not found in the Gospels
- 2 Tim 1:13-follow my sound words; guard the truth
- 2 Tim 2:2-what you heard entrust to faithful men

"Although popular with many "Bible Christian" churches, the Bible alone "theory does not work in practice. Historical experience disproves it. Each year we see additional splintering among "Bible-believing religions". "Pillar of Fire Pillar of Truth. Pg 10

There are today over thirty thousand denominations in the U.S. each insisting its Biblical interpretation is the correct one. Such divisions cause so much confusion among millions of very sincere but misled Christians. Check any telephone directory to see how many different "Bible alone" denominations are listed, each believing in the "Bible alone" but none agreeing on exactly what the Bible means.

The Holy Spirit can't be the author of confusion. (1 Cor 14:33). God's truth is one: He cannot lead people to contradictory beliefs. Therefore, the only logical conclusion is the "Bible alone" theory can not be correct.

As an aside, if Sola Scriptura is considered correct, how did the Christians in the apostolic era and their brethren in the 1<sup>st</sup> to the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century learn their faith and how was that faith kept intact and without contradiction? There was no New Testament Scripture until the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century. It was the early Church Fathers, links in the chain of succession with the apostles, who recognized the necessity of Sacred Tradition handed down by the Apostles who guarded them scrupulously. (Catholic Answers-Apostolic Tradition)

The conclusion of Sacred Tradition will be next weeks topic.....Peace

# The Real Meaning of Memorial Day

We enjoy freedom today because of the father, the brother, the son, the husband, the pal who never came home.

Commentary by Terry Plowman (Published in the Delaware Coast Press)

Memorial Day now suffers the same secular fate as Christmas -- its commercial value has far outstripped its original meaning.

That fact is especially evident here in a resort area, where Memorial Day weekend is considered the kickoff to the busy summer season.

Although there is nothing terribly wrong with that, and we couldn't change it anyway, we hope readers will give a few moments thought to the real meaning of Memorial Day this weekend.

The trouble with evoking memories from past military conflicts is that it is like looking at a grainy black-and-white photograph or newsreel (an outdated term in itself).

For many Americans who can barely remember life without color photography, looking at these black-and-white images has little impact. They represent another time, one that is hard to connect with today.

But for those who lived through the past few wars, there is color in the memories, and for many of those who served in the military, the color is blood red.

For them Memorial Day is not a history lesson, quickly forgotten like other lessons from our school days. For them it is the father, the brother, the son, the husband, the pal who never came home.

And for those of us living today, the war dead are our vivid connection to Memorial Day -- because it is an eerie fact that many of us would not be here today were it not for a quirk of fate that allowed our fathers to survive a war.

How many of the more than 400,000 World War II dead would have fathered the geniuses, the creators, the liberators of today's generations?

How many of the 116,000 World War I dead, the 54,000 Korean War dead, or the 58,000 Vietnam War dead?

How many of the 500,000 Civil War dead would have fathered children whose impact would still be felt in our lives today?

Actually, many of these dead patriots were themselves only 18 or 19 years old, so they were robbed of the chance to leave us any legacy other than the memory of their sacrifice.

A wounded seaman who was taken aboard a rescue vessel during the D-Day invasion was quoted in Life magazine about the fundamental mystery of war: "(The ship) was loaded with the bodies of sailors, soldiers, airmen; the wounded and survivors. And on board was the body of my friend Pete Petersen. He was going to be 21 on June 22. One thing you always wonder is, who makes that decision: Who dies and who doesn't?"

On this holiday weekend, let's not forget the meaning, the mystery and the tragedy behind Memorial Day.

**Footnote:** ~3400 Casualties in Iraq. Remember them and their families in our prayers.

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	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
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