

# Week 4: What we really believe!

Core beliefs of the Catholic faith explained.

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Tradition, Saints and the Pope.

## GUIDE:

Many people inside and outside the Catholic Church are unclear of the exact role of these three teachings. When properly understood they should be sources of inspiration not division and confusion.

### **Tradition:**

Not customs, rituals, practices of some catholic rite...

Tradition refers to the oral tradition, apostles work in early church, formation of teaching, roots of the Church's magisterium

### **Sola Scriptura:**

The whole of Christian truth is the scriptures.

### **Saints:**

What is the proper role of the saints? Veneration vs. Adoration

Communion of Saints! God, Angels, Saints, Church, we are in this together, all creation is directed toward communion with God.

### **Supreme Pontiff:**

Role and function of the Pope: Bishop of Rome, Apostles...