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## Roman Missal Resources for Youth

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, 2011



*Don't Drink the Holy Water! Big Al and Annie Go to Mass* (Book) Liguori, 2010. Explains the Mass with creative, full-color illustrations and simple descriptions that resonate with kids. A special section at the back of the book helps adults answer kids' questions about the Mass. Included is a 50-minute DVD—broken into 20 small segments, for engaging kids and offering opportunities for questions and reflection.

*Child's Guide to the Mass* (Book) Stanton, Sue, Paulist Press, 2000. Accented with colorful, whimsical drawings, this book guides children through the various parts of the mass so they can understand and appreciate what is going on.

*Close Encounters with the Mass* (DVD) Videos with Values, Oblate Media, 2002. Sandra is having problems understanding the various symbols and rituals in the Celebration of the Eucharist and what they mean. Luckily an angel comes to the rescue and takes her on a video journey showing how gathering the faith community for Eucharist is much like gathering the family for Thanksgiving. Creativity and humor combine to show young people how the mass truly is relevant and meaningful to them.

*A Peek Into My Church* (Book) Whipper-Snapper Books, 1998. This book is a fun, informative, and accurate introduction to the Catholic religion. A girl invites children into her church, where they can see what is in a church, examine a church floor plan, and learn about important rituals and essential objects. Using vibrantly colored pictures and engaging narrative details, this book introduces the idea of church community. Baptism, the parts of the Mass, Communion, Priests and their duties, vestments, and Sisters and their many roles in the Church.

*We Learn about Mass (2nd Edition)* (Book) Moore, Gerald, Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. This resource is for use with second, third, fourth, and fifth graders preparing for their first Holy Communion or Christian initiation. The perfect supplement to any diocesan approved religious education text book, it is also a helpful resource for parents looking for ways to discuss and guide their child through the liturgy. Children will learn: the prayers and responses you say aloud, when to sit and kneel, how to praise God, to pray for the world and those you love, to listen to God's Word, how to receive Holy Communion, and other actions that are part of Mass.

*Discovering the Treasures of the Mass: 28 Puzzles that Teach Its Rites and Rituals* (Book) Sterritt, Lynne J., Twenty Third Publications, 2007. This is a fun and informative resource for junior high and high school classes, for retreats and workshops with young teens, and for confirmation preparation sessions. Recommended for Youth Ministers, DRES, teachers, catechists, parents, and all who work with young people in a parish or school setting.

*My Mass Book* (Our Sunday Visitor) is a 24 page booklet for early elementary children on the parts of the Mass and their responses with the revised Roman Missal. However, only one Eucharistic prayer is included in this booklet.

### On-line Resource

*Praying the Mass with Children and Adolescents: A Catechist's Guide to the New Translation* (Office of Catechesis, Diocese of Lansing, MI). This 90 page manual is designed for those catechizing children between Grades 4 – 8, with adaptations for teens on the Mass. It offers eight very comprehensive lesson plans on the Mass and the various sections of the Mass. It is strongly recommended that all schools and parishes review this wonderful resource for use during the upcoming school year.

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# See What's New

## Books



Catechesis in a Multi-Media World: Connecting to Today's Students (Book) Hoffmann, Mary Byrne, Paulist Press, 2011. In this practical little book, catechists will find a wealth of timely information on how to use media effectively to connect with the iPod/cellphone/Facebook generation. (S,A)

Great Expectations: A Pastoral Guide for Partnering with Parents: For Catechists and Teachers, Pastors, Principals, and Parish Catechetical Leaders (Book) Huebsch, Bill, Twenty-Third Publications, 2010. Leaders are invited and encouraged to take a secondary role (as coaches), to help parents play the primary role (as teachers) in the faith formation of their children. The authors believe that parish leaders should expect parents to take a leading role, and when they do the feedback from parents as witnessed over and over through this coaching method is overwhelmingly positive. (A)

Turning Hearts to Christ: Engaging People in a Lifetime of Faith (Book) Anslinger, Leisa, Twenty-Third Publications, 2010. Offers essential principles that have evolved from discussions with pastoral leaders in a variety of ministerial settings, as well as careful study of sacred Scripture, theology, Church documents, and current research. Supplies examples of how the seasons can lead parishioners toward a living relationship with Christ--with Sunday Eucharist at the center. A dynamic and essential planning resource for pastors, parish leadership teams, pastoral staffs, pastoral council members, faith formation, evangelization, and stewardship committee members. (A)

Linking your Beads: The Rosary's History, Mysteries and Prayers (Book) Kasten, Patricia, Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 2011. Whether you are a Rosary rookie or daily devotee, this book will give you a whole new perspective on the power of prayer with the Rosary. As you learn the depth of faith behind this simple string of beads, prayers, and meditations, you'll find yourself equally enlightened and encouraged. The book covers the history of the Rosary and its prayerful predecessors, the power of meditative prayer in various forms, the significant role of sacramentals in our walk of faith, the origins of each of the Rosary prayers and the Creed, the meaning and purpose of the Rosary's many colors, styles, and lengths. (S,A)

## DVDs/CDs



Soul Surfer (DVD, 106 min.) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2011. The incredible true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcomes all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. A-II.

Uncommon Vision: The Life and Times of John Howard Griffin (DVD, 60 min.) Morgan C. Atkinson, Duckworks Inc., 2010. John Howard Griffin is best known as the white man who disguised himself as a black man and then traveled through the heart of the South in 1959. From his experiences he wrote *Black Like Me*. Uncommon Vision focuses on Griffin's social activism but also examines how a spiritual commitment led him from a segregated childhood in Fort Worth to fighting with the French Resistance, sustained him during 10 years of blindness and inspired him during a prolific creative life.

The King's Speech (DVD, 118 min.) Anchor Bay Entertainment, 2011. Stirring historical drama, about the unlikely but fruitful relationship between the Duke of York and the eccentric speech therapist under whose care he reluctantly places himself at the instigation of his loyal wife to overcome the stammer that hobbles his public speaking. The story of one of the modern era's most successful royal marriages and the lesser-known tale of the friendship by which an unflappable commoner helped to heal the emotionally crippling childhood wounds underlying his princely client's impediment. A-III

Understanding the Mass: 100 Questions, 100 Answers (Book) Aquilina, Mike, Servant Books, 2011. Though celebrated throughout the world over a span of centuries, there is more to the Mass than meets the eye. This book not only answers practical questions about this central act of Catholic worship but also explains the meaning behind the prayers and practices, just in time for the new translation of the missal. (S,A)

Of Gods and Men (DVD, 123 min.) Sony Pictures Classics, 2011. Eight French Christian monks live in harmony with their Muslim brothers in a monastery in the mountains of North Africa in the 1990's. When a crew of foreign workers are massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group, fear sweeps through the region. The army offers them protection, but the monks refuse. Should they leave? Despite the growing menace in their midst, they slowly realize that they have no choice but to stay, come what may. A-III.

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber (DVD, 110 min.) Ignatius Press, 2010. A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein, capturing the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman, as well as the great conflicts from her decision to convert to Catholicism.

Jesus of Nazareth (Part Two): Holy Week, from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection (Audio CD) Benedict XVI, Pope, Ignatius Press, 2011. A detailed analysis of Jesus Christ's final week in Jerusalem, examining the political, religious, and scholarly aspects of Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection.