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Rediscover Lent (Book) Kelly, Matthew, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2012. From the author of the best-seller "Rediscover Catholicism" comes an inspiring way to rediscover Lent. Here, readers find a brief citation from a daily lectionary reading, a reflection on the beauty and importance of the Catholic faith and practice, thought-provoking questions for meditation, and a brief prayer. A companion for individual reading or for group study. (S,A)

A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes (DVD, 77 min.) Himes, Fr. Michael, St. Anthony Messenger Press and Franciscan Communications, 2006. Father Michael Himes helps us reflect on our baptismal commitment, drawing insights from the Lenten Sunday readings, particularly the stories of water, light and life from John's Gospel. Focusing on the heart of the Lenten message, these programs are ideal for use with adults preparing for Baptism, prayer groups and those engaged in ongoing faith formation. Program 1. What is Temptation, Really? -- Program 2. Danger and Desire -- Program 3. God Sees Into the Heart -- Program 4. Endless Possibilities. (A)

Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey (Book) Alexander, Andy, Loyola Press, 2009. An introduction to Lenten prayer as a path to spiritual renewal. This book reminds the reader that if we focus too much on what we give up we may miss the message of what God wants to give us during this grace-filled time. Provides readers with a rich, full, and transformative Lenten prayer experience, one in which hearts, minds, and lives are truly renewed as Lent takes on a far deeper and more meaningful purpose. (A)

The King, Crucified and Risen: Meditations on the Passion and Glory of Christ (Book) Groeschel, Benedict J., Charis Books, 2002. In the season of Lent, we undertake spiritual disciplines to remind us of our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. Father Benedict Groeschel helps us to embrace the mystery of the cross as a fundamental truth and reality of our faith. Against the backdrop of Scripture and the writings of the ancient fathers of the Church, for each day of the Lent and Easter seasons, this book offers thought-provoking reflections on Christ's agony, death, and glorious rising. (A)

Lent with the Saints: Daily Reflections (Book) Friedman, Greg, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2012. With insightful reflections, Fr. Greg Friedman draws on his love of the saints to offer daily inspiration during this season of repentance, forgiveness, and hope. Each day of Lent you can meditate on a Scripture reading, ponder reflections on this holy season, and connect and pray with some of the church's most beloved saints and holy people—Thomas Merton, Augustine, Francis, Clare, Damien of Molokai, Teresa of Calcutta, and Gianna Molla. (A)

The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux (Book) Caster, Gary, Servant Books, 2010. St. Thérèse emphasized the way we do things for God rather than the things we do for him. In that spirit, Lent is less about what we're offering and more about why. That insight transforms this season from one of narrow concern over what to give up into one of joyful freedom to enter into the love of Christ. The meditations in The Little Way of Lent—all colored by St. Thérèse's Little Way of Spiritual Childhood—will transform your Lenten observance and help you focus on God's redeeming love. (S,A)

Live Lent at Home: Daily Prayers and Activities for Families (Book) Shortal, Paige Byrne, Liquori Publications. This day-by-day booklet for families is a perfect companion for the season of Lent. Each week begins with a Sunday Gospel reflection for parents and children to read together, followed by daily reflections, activities, and simple prayers for a meaningful, fruitful Lent. (A)



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NEW ITEMS!!

Audio CDs

The Rosary Project: A Celebration of Prayer and Song (Audio CD) Padgett, Chris, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011. Experience the Rosary with this celebration of prayer and song. Offers a fresh look at the ancient practice of meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Listen to the Rosary being recited while interspersed with songs to lead you deeper into the life of Christ. (J,S,A)

Ten Pro-Life Principles (Audio CD) Spitzer, Robert, Healing the Culture, 2009. A deep exploration of the philosophical arguments against abortion, with Scriptural references. Recorded before a live church audience.

Truth & Life: Dramatized Audio Bible, New Testament Elegantly blends voices, sound effects and an original music score to create an aural environment that will totally immerse you in the Scriptures. The literal English Revised Standard Version-Catholic Version New Testament is 'performed' for you in radio drama style by more than 70 actors and John Rhys-Davies as the narrator. (J,S,A)

Books



Seek First the Kingdom: Challenging the Culture by Living our Faith (Book) Wuerl, Donald Cardinal, Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 2012. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl lays out a solid foundation for understanding the roots of Catholic laity's participation in the public arena, providing the tools you need to become an insightful ambassador for the kingdom of God. The heart of Seek First the Kingdom is a masterful survey of the teachings of the Scriptures, theology, and tradition on citizenship in the Kingdom of God. (A)

Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith (Book) Parker, Kenneth L., Liguori Publications, 2011. The purpose of this book is to help Catholics answer frequently asked questions and help navigate non-Catholics through misconceptions of the faith. These same questions often challenge Catholics who grew up in their faith. This book offers the questions they seek too. (S,A)

Living the Mass: How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life (Book) Grassi, Dominic, Loyola Press, 2011. Conveys how each part of the Mass relates to our baptismal call, closing the chasm between Sunday Mass and daily life. This newly revised edition takes into account the changes in the new Roman Missal, yet rather than isolating those texts or commenting on them, the authors have integrated the changes seamlessly into the book. This assimilation ensures that readers stay focused on the core message of the book—how the Mass as a whole changes us—rather than become sidetracked by the Missal's new texts. (S,A)

DVDs

The Eucharist for Little Children (DVD, 20 min.) Naimo, Jennifer, Wild Canary Sights and Sounds, Vision Video, 2007. Children will begin to understand the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They will encounter Jesus in the solemnity of the Mass, the quiet of adoration and the splendor of a Corpus Christi Procession. Children will also experience the Lord through the traditional beauty of the Church. This DVD is an excellent way to prepare your children for their first Holy Communion. It will also give them a better understanding of the Mass. (P)

Brother Francis Presents the Rosary: A Special Way to Pray (DVD, 25 min.) Herald Entertainment Inc., 2011. Join Brother Francis' entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary. The prayers of the Rosary as well as the The Annunciation are portrayed. This video is a captivating way to help children use their hearts and minds in prayer. (P)

Faustina (DVD, 75 min.) Polart Distribution, 2003. In 2000, Sister Faustina was canonized as the first saint of the new millennium. This stirring and evocative film depicts her life, from her girlhood through miraculous healings and her evolution within the Catholic Church. Based on Faustina's spiritual diary. (S,A)



Handbook for Today's Parish Leaders: Responding to the Call to Lead: Collaboration, Communion, and Community: Practical Ways to Develop Leadership Skills (Book) Infantino, Ginger, Liguori Publications, 2011. Gives current and future parish leaders the tools to help their parishes carry out the mission of Christ. Divided into two sections, this handbook provides a firm foundation and lots of practical tips for responding to the call to serve; developing leadership and collaboration skills; and empowering others to lead. (A)

Essential Guide to Knowing the Faith (Book) Washington, D.C., United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011. Essential truths about the Word of God that nourishes and enlightens and the Catechism, which presents in a unified, systematic way everything that a Christian must believe in order to live the faith. (S,A)

Holy Spirit 101: Present Among Us (Book) Gresham, John Leroy, Liguori Publications, 2011. Offers readers a basic approach to coming to know this complex part of the trinity. Author John Gresham, dissects the difficult concept of the Holy Spirit, its place in history and scripture, as well as its connection to us today. In Holy Spirit 101, you will find examples, tools, and review questions perfect for group or individual study that will deepen the understanding of your faith. (S,A)