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Eucharist



Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments and what was left of the fish. Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men. (Mark 6:41-45)

The Eucharist (Book) Benedict XVI, Pope, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009. As we remember the gift of sacrifice to us, the Holy Father discusses the sacrament of the Eucharist and how it unites us with the living God and allows us to freely give of ourselves to others. The Eucharist is an exchange between God and humanity that brings us closer to him and reminds us of the purpose for our lives. The heart of the Church and the heart of the life of every Christian is essentially Eucharistic in that it carries Christ within. (S,A)

Models of the Eucharist (Book) Irwin, Kevin W., Paulist Press, 2005. Explores and explains what happens when Mass is celebrated and what our central act of worship means in terms of Catholic belief and living the Christian life. His work is meant to be theological, pastoral and current. In essence it is concerned with issues about the Eucharist that face us today, some forty years after the truly historical and unprecedented revisions that took place in our liturgy after the Second Vatican Council. (S,A)

Food from Heaven: The Eucharist in Scripture (Book) Kun, Jeanne Word Among Us Press, 2007. Food from Heaven will help readers navigate through the Bible to understand and appreciate the foundation of Eucharistic worship. Among the texts studied are Old Testament realities that anticipate the Eucharist, the manna in the desert and the sealing of the Mosaic covenant with a blood sacrifice; along with gospel accounts of Jesus bread of life discourse, the Last Supper, Jesus crucifixion and death, and the breaking of the bread with the two wayfarers in Emmaus. (S,A)



Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist (Book) Rolheiser, Ronald, Doubleday, 2011. Explores the history and meaning of the sacred tradition of the Eucharist, discusses its role in the lives, prayers, and worldviews of believers, shares the author's thoughts on the centrality of the Eucharist in his Roman Catholic faith, and looks at the practice in other faith communities. (S,A)

Eucharist: The Source and the Summit (DVD, 25 min.) Videos With Values, 2005. This video presents an investigation of the Eucharist in three parts: We Pray, we take a look at Eucharistic Adoration, why we do it, who does it and what does it mean? We Participate: we look at the Eucharist in the Mass, how we gather around it, sharing the story, the sacrifice and the meal. We learn about the doxology and transubstantiation. We Practice, we see how we as Catholic Christians share the gift of the Eucharist with others through our good works. (S,A)

Eucharist (DVD, 77 min.) Message Shop/Word On Fire, 2009. Fr. Robert Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. This fresh look at the Blessed Sacrament brings to light the meaning of the Eucharist as: sacred meal, sacrifice, real presence. (A)

First Communion: A Family Journey (DVD, 20 min.) Oblate Media and Communication, 2003. Video provide segments for children and parents wherein the meaning of the Eucharist, Baptism and full membership in the Church is made clear, as well as the importance of parental involvement and family activities. (P,I,J,S,A)

Feeding Hungry Hearts: Celebrating the Eucharist (DVD, 45 min.) Liguori Publications, 2011. Father Joe Kempf invites each of us to look at this sacrament of the Eucharist-and how, together when we celebrate as a community of faith at Mass, we are receiving this phenomenal gift of the meal called Eucharist. For study groups, personal reflection, new Catholics or RCIA participants, youth groups, and more, this DVD walks us through the celebration of the Mass and explains why we do what we do. (J,S,A)

Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit: For Children with Autism and Other Special Needs (Curriculum Materials) Loyola Press, 2012. The Adaptive First Eucharist Kit will enable many children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the Eucharist. Kit Includes: Helper Guide, My Picture Missal, Mass Cards (inside Picture Missal), Bless Yourself Board, Who is Jesus Card, Communion is Not the Same as Food Board, How to Receive Communion Board, I Receive Communion Book, Backpack. (P,I,J,A)

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New Feature Films and DVDs

The Way ARC Entertainment, 2011. Martin Sheen plays Tom, who comes to St. Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago. Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. From the unexpected and, oftentimes, amusing experiences along the way, Tom begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world again. Through his unresolved relationship with his son, he discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose." A-III -- adults.

The Mill & the Cross Kino Lorber, 2012. Uses digital effects and immersive period detail to transport viewers inside Pieter Bruegel's famous 1564 painting, The Way to Calvary, where Bruegel himself tours the canvas discussing the various images and the meanings behind them, allowing viewers to experience daily life in turbulent 16th century Flanders. A-III -- adults.

The Help Touchstone Home Entertainment, 2011. In 1960s Mississippi, Skeeter, a southern society girl, returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives, and a small Mississippi town, upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Aibileen, Skeeter's best friend's housekeeper, is the first to open up, to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community. A-III -- adults.

The Mighty Macs Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2012. In the early '70s, Cathy Rush became the head basketball coach at a tiny, all-girls Catholic college. Though her team had no gym or uniforms, and the school was in danger of being sold, Coach Rush steered her girls to their first national championship. A-I—general patronage.

Courageous Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, 2012. When a tragedy strikes close to home, four police officers struggle with their faith and their roles as husbands and fathers. Together they make a decision that will change all of their lives. A-II -- adults and adolescents.

The Muppets Disney, 2012. On vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, and his friends Gary and Mary from Smalltown, USA, discover the nefarious plan of oilman Tex Richman to raze the Muppet Theater and drill for the oil recently discovered beneath the Muppets' former stomping grounds. To stage The Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise the \$10 million needed to save the theater, Walter, Mary and Gary help Kermit reunite the Muppets, who have all gone their separate ways. A-I -- general patronage.

The Secret Life of Bees (DVD, 110 min.) 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2008. Beautifully produced adaptation of Sue Monk Kidd's best-seller set in South Carolina about a spiritual beekeeper and her sisters who take in a 14-year-old runaway and her caretaker fleeing the girl's abusive father. A-III -- adults.



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The Jesus Creed for Students: 12 Lessons on Loving God and Others (DVD, 54 min.) Paraclete Press, 2011. The gravity point of a life before God is that his followers are to love God and love others with everything they have. Scot McKnight calls this The Jesus Creed. In this video presentation, Scot presents the twelve key aspects of becoming a Jesus follower. The Jesus Creed for Students aims to demonstrate a simple truth - that followers of Jesus, follow Jesus.

Blood, Sweat and Berries: A Documentary (DVD, 62 min.) Blood Sweat and Berries Productions, 2011. Blood, Sweat and Berries, a documentary that runs just over an hour. Watch as four young adults live and work among immigrant farm workers in the United States.

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