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March 2014

Dedication to Saint Joseph

March 19th

[Joseph, the Man who Raised Jesus Who was St. Joseph?](#) (Book) Caster, Gary, 2013. The perfect model for fathers, the perfect guide for the fatherless, St. Joseph is a mystery. Scripture tells his story in few words, but his influence upon child he raised and the Church he protects is immeasurable. Focusing on the virtues of Joseph-his patience, his faith, his purity, his courage-Fr. Gary Caster explores what the Bible tells us about this great saint. By including wisdom from the history of the Church and the communion of saints, Joseph paints a vivid portrait that will help you understand, appreciate, and grow closer to St. Joseph. (A)



[Husband, Father, Worker: Questions and Answers about Saint Joseph](#) (Book) Toschi, Larry, Liguori Publications, 2011. Grow closer to Jesus as you learn about Saint Joseph and his care for the Son of God. This engaging question-and-answer format presents a fascinating collection of facts, insights, observations, and reflections. Saint Joseph is more than a carpenter and a figure in a Nativity set. He has much to teach us about integrity, strength, faith, and humility. Indeed, Joseph is also the master craftsman in God's workshop of human life--after all, it's the trade he knows best. (A)

[Joseph of Nazareth](#) (DVD) Ignatius Press, 2009. Dramatization of the story of Joseph, his marriage to Mary, miraculous birth of Jesus, their flight to Egypt and their return to Nazareth twelve years later where Joseph dies in peace, satisfied he had throughout followed God's will. (S,A)

[Saints' Gallery of Heaven's heroes Vol. I & II : Heavens Heroes & Founders](#) (DVD) Videos with Values, 1995, 2012. Vol. I-Learn about the lives and deeds of these saints: Joseph, Joan of Arc, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Martin of Tours, Martin de Porres and Elizabeth of Hungary. Masterworks of art are presented. Vol. II- Features St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Angele Merici, St. Benedict, St. Eugene de Mazenod. (I,J,S,A)



Annunciation of the Lord

March 25

[The Life of Mary](#) (Book) Biffi, Inos, Liturgy Training Publications, 2007. This vibrantly illustrated meditation on the life of the Mother of God draws the reader into a greater appreciation of her role in the life of her son and the Church. It simply and touchingly chronicles eleven major events from the Gospels and ancient tradition, beginning with the joy of the Annunciation, through the sorrow of the Crucifixion and the death of Jesus, to the glory of the Assumption. (I,J,S,A)

[Mary: Jesus' Mother-and Ours](#) (Book) Loyola Press, 2011. Look at six episodes from Mary's life in the Gospels of Luke and John: the annunciation, visit to Elizabeth, the birth of Jesus, the encounter in the Temple, the wedding at Cana, and Jesus' death on the Cross. Also delves into some areas of Mary's life not explicitly covered in the Gospels, such as her birth free of original sin, her assumption into heaven, and her maternal role in the family of Jesus' followers. All of this comes together to give us a distinct sense of Mary as a person. (S,A)

[Mary and Joseph: Models of Faith and Love](#) (Book) Yoffie, Barbara, Liguori Publications, 2013. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family. God chose Mary and Joseph to be Jesus' family here on earth. They loved Jesus very much. How can you show your love for the family God gave you? (P,I)

Videos on the life of St. Joseph and the Annunciation

[Joseph](#)

[Annunciation](#)



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NEW ITEMS

[The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering](#)

(Book) Horan, Daniel P, Franciscan Media, 2013. Much has been written on the last words of Jesus, the traditional phrases taken from Scripture that depict the final moments of Jesus' life as he dies on the cross. In this new take on the last words, Horan brings a fresh perspective to this time-honored meditation as he challenges readers to look at their lives through the lens of Jesus' suffering and death. Yet interlaced with suffering, the focus throughout is on the immense love of God for human beings, shown in the gift of Jesus, God made flesh. (A)

[150 North American Martyrs You should Know](#) (Book) O'Neel, Brian, 2014. Tells the stories of martyrs associated with North America. The book includes a lively presentation about each martyr (or group of martyrs), a practical application for the reader, and historical context for how these martyrs helped the Church to grow in North America. These martyrs changed the world by their courage and commitment, and their stories have the power to inspire us today to live our Catholic faith bravely and boldly. (S,A)

[Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War](#) (Book) Brock, Rita Nakashima, Beacon Press, 2012. The authors tell the stories of four veterans of wars from Vietnam to our current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan who reveal their experiences of moral injury from war and how they have learned to live with it. Brock and Lettini also explore its effect on families and communities, and the community processes that have gradually helped soldiers with their moral injuries. The book will help veterans, their families, members of their communities, and clergy understand the impact of war on the consciences of healthy people, support the recovery of moral conscience in society, and restore veterans to civilian life. (A)

[The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler](#) (DVD) Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions, 2009. As a social worker, Irena had access to the Warsaw Ghetto, making it possible for her to rescue the daughter of a Jewish friend and safely hide the young girl with a Catholic family. Realizing that thousands of children were still in danger, Irena recruited sympathetic friends and co-workers to smuggle children out and place them in safe homes, farms and convents. At great personal risk, she devised extraordinary schemes to sneak the children by Nazi guards, bringing them out in ambulances, suitcases and even wheelbarrows. (S,A)

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS



Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites us all to celebrate a Mass for our special needs community, including families, friends and our faith communities.

Saturday -April 5, 2014

11:00am

St. James Cathedral – Seattle



[Journey of Faith: The Story of the Archdiocese of Seattle](#) (Book) Editions du Signe, 2013. It's a story of saints and sinners; of Natives and newcomers, of missionaries, teachers, and builders, working together to build the church of Western Washington. It's a story of spirit and sacrifice for the glory of God. With richly colored illustrations, this new history of the Archdiocese of Seattle brings our inspiring Catholic story to life, from the days when thousands of Native peoples called this land holy ground, to the first explorers and missionaries, to the building of our churches and schools, to the present day. The graphic novel format makes it appealing to people of all ages. (P,I,J,S,A)

[Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts: Words of Challenge and Hope](#) (Book) Word Among Us Press, 2013. The short excerpts in this book, taken from Pope Francis' homilies and addresses since becoming pope, reflect his warm pastoral style and cover themes that we can expect to hear from him again and again: the mercy of God, the scandal of poverty, the need to "come out of ourselves" to evangelize, the call to unity in the Church, and the challenge to become true disciples of Jesus and not "part-time Christians." This book will both challenge Catholics and fill them with the hope that God's mercy endures forever. (S,A)

[Gravity](#) (DVD) Warner Bros. Entertainment, 2014. High above Earth, a Russian missile launched against a spy satellite causes a chain reaction, destroying the Space Shuttle and marooning its only surviving crewmates. What ensues is "E.T." in reverse, humans –at work repairing the Hubble Space Telescope when disaster struck – search for a way to go home. Amid the mayhem, the film has another, deeper story to tell, as the nearness of death provokes reflections on mortality and the afterlife. These meditations are used as stepping stones toward a resolution that viewers of faith will find both satisfying and refreshingly pro-life. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. (A)

[Into the Heart of God: Jean Vanier Explores the Gospel of John in the Holy Land](#) (DVD) Franciscan Media, 2013. This 14-part video series is an exploration into the Gospel of John. By retracing the actual steps through the Holy Land of the events and accounts of this gospel, Vanier recreates a vivid and intimate portrait of what is often called the "mystical gospel." This series looks deep into the gospel, and in so doing brings viewers further into the heart of God, whose boundless love for humanity manifests itself in the life and times of Jesus. (A)

