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We Honor Mary, Our Mother

Mary 101: Tradition and Influence (Book) Zimmer, Mary Ann, Liguori Publications, 2010. Mary is introduced via Scripture, followed by an exploration of church teaching, prayers, and devotions. Examine Mary's global appearances (apparitions) and the way she has been portrayed in great works of art. Chapters include essential background information, reflection questions, and suggested reading for furthering your understanding of Mary and the international scope of Marian concerns. (S,A)

Mary: Jesus' Mother and Ours (Book) Perotta, Kevin, 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. 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.

Picturing Mary (DVD) Educational Broadcasting Corp, 2007. Visit museums, chapels and cathedrals in eight countries to view rare and sacred masterpieces portraying Mary by artists such as Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Duccio, and van Eyck in their original locations. Look at artwork ranging from tiny personal images to giant mosaics and frescoes to examine the way artists have expressed their personal devotion and communicated their vision of Mary. (S,A)

Jesus and Mary: In Praise of Their Glorious Names

(Book) Groeschel, Benedict J., Our Sunday Visitor, 2012.

This book will enlarge and deepen your knowledge of, and appreciation for, Jesus and Mary by exploring a selection of the many and varied names and titles attributed to them. Fr. Groeschel selected 25 names/titles of Jesus and 25 of Mary, alternating 2 page reflections of each with a special, comprehensive introduction of both at the beginning of the book. (A)



The Reed of God (Audio Book-CD) Houselander, Caryll, Ave Maria Press, 2007. Houselander's beautiful and profound mediation depicts the intimately human side of Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed waiting for God's music to be played through her. She shares her insightful and beautiful vision of Mary on earth, Mary among us, Mary as a confused but trusting teenager whose holiness flowered with her eternal "Yes." (A)

Mary: An Introduction (DVD) Franciscan Communications, 2012. We Learn From Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors, We Pray With Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors, Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Story of Faith...and Liberation, and Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. This DVD contains two programs for grade-school children introducing devotion and prayer to Mary, the mother of Jesus, with emphasis on our understanding of her life and our Catholic celebration of all things Marian. It also contains two programs for junior high and older viewers. (PJ)

Web Resources

Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Explore activities to help enhance your parish's or classroom's celebration of Mary. Here are some great resources on Mary from Loyola Press and Busted Halo.

Marian Resources

Find activities, prayers, and more to celebrate Mary, our first model of discipleship.

Mary Intergenerational Parish Event

Use the various materials and helpful ideas for an event or classroom use.

May Crowning Ideas

May Crowning ideas from Joe Paprocki



Questions answered about Mary and what she means to the Catholic Church and us found [here](#).

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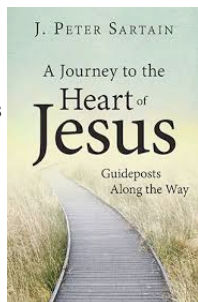
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A Journey to the Heart of Jesus: Guideposts Along the Way

(Book) Sartain, J Peter, Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Archbishop Sartain shares reflections on the pilgrimage of Christian discipleship. Through these often humorous, but always deeply personal, pieces you will discover: How to keep your perspective along the road to discipleship. How to remove the stumbling blocks to spiritual maturity. How to encounter God in prayer. How to share the fruit of the cross. How to experience happiness through works of mercy. An insightful collection of meditations that offer timely counsel to all Christian disciples making the journey to the Heart of Jesus. (A)



Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads: Lessons from the First Jesuit Pope

(Book) Lowney, Chris, 2014. Pope Francis has captured the attention of the media and Catholics all over the world with his seemingly counterintuitive approach to leadership. Chris Lowney offers an in depth look at how Pope Francis Jesuit training directly impacted the various leadership roles he has held as priest, bishop, cardinal, and now Pope and what his past leadership actions can tell us about how he is likely to lead in the future. (A)

Strange Gods: Unmasking the Idols in Everyday Life

(Book) Scalia, Elizabeth, Ave Maria Press, 2013. Identifying idolatry in a number of everyday experiences, from friendships that become needy or possessive to intense political and religious commitments, Scalia points to the incarnation of Christ and authentic worship of him as a way out of idolatry and into peace, happiness, and love. (A)

Brother Francis Presents The Mass: A Life Giving Prayer

(DVD) Herald Entertainment, 2014. Come with "Brother Francis" as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass in this inspirational and instructive presentation! Rich in instruction and inspiration, "Brother Francis: The Mass" is a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ as they attend Mass. (P,I)

Saints for Kids: 32 Friends of Jesus (DVD) Pauline Books & Media, 2012. Delightfully animated stories that introduce children to the saints. Each four-minute story highlights how a particular saint followed Jesus. Francis of Assisi, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Martin of Tours, Nicholas, Stephen, Anne and Joachim, Clare, John Bosco, Andrew, Peter, Lucy, Anthony of Egypt, Mary, Mother of Jesus, Paul, Rita, Mark, Joseph, Catherine of Siena, Cecilia, Benedict, Raphael, Luke, Albert the Great, Rosalia Valentine, Matthew, and many more. (P,I)

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Catholic by Choice: Why I Embraced the Faith, Joined the Church, and Embarked on the Adventure of a Lifetime

(Book) Cole, Richard, Loyola Press, 2014. Richard Cole initially saw his trip to a monastery in western Texas as a retreat--to check out for a few days, maybe a chance to catch up on his reading. Instead, Cole embarks on a zigzagging roller coaster of emotion and examination as he discerns, dissects, and discovers the incredible vibrancy of the Catholic community. Catholic by Choice provides a funny and joyous look at adult Catholic conversion from the point of view of a modern convert, telling a deeply personal yet relatable story of discovery, doubt, and finding a place at God's table. (A)

Christ, Our Compass: Making Moral Choices

(Book) McBride, Alfred, Franciscan Media, 2013. Fr. McBride focuses on the moral teachings of the Church as found in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (Part Three, Life in Christ), emphasizing throughout that at the heart of these teachings is the love of God for humankind. The book guides with a gentle hand in discussing topics such as sin and moral sense; family values; medical and moral issues; war; the death penalty; sexuality; honesty; grace and joy; the Church as teacher; and the Beatitudes. It will be of great benefit to all who seek to live a Christian life guided by the compassionate example of Jesus and teachings of the Catholic Church. (A)

Philomena (DVD) Anchor Bay Films, 2014. Fact-based drama about a Irish woman who enlists the help of a cynical British reporter in her search for the son she was forced to give up for adoption by the nuns who ran the oppressive facility for unwed mothers in which she lived as a teen after being abandoned by her family for becoming pregnant. Director Frears' screen version of Sixsmith's book "The Lost Child of Philomena Lee" makes uncomfortable viewing for Catholic moviegoers since church institutions are uniformly presented in a negative light. Yet, while illustrating the dangers that can result when appreciation for the virtue of chastity degenerates into puritanical repression, his film also implicitly makes the point that its protagonist's enduring individual faith is the source of the enthusiasm for life, friendliness toward strangers and willingness to forgive that set her apart from the jaded journalist. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience. (S,A)

Saving Mr. Banks (DVD) Having promised his daughters he would make a movie from the children's books they loved -- tales of the magical nanny Poppins written by P.L. Travers -- Disney lobbied for the film rights for two decades, to no avail. But when Travers' fortune eventually dried up, she was forced to reconsider. So she headed to Hollywood, determined to protect her prized creation from being "Disney-fied." A battle of wills ensued, until Disney learned the personal side to the volumes, including the story of Travers' beloved father, the inspiration for the fictional George Banks of the title. A handful of emotional scenes may be too intense for pre-teens. But the overall sincerity and wholesomeness of this blend of comedy and tearjerking drama make for a welcome change at the multiplex. Mature themes, one use of profanity, a mild oath. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II. (J,S,A)