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Learning about the Liturgical Year



Companion to the Calendar: A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year (Book) Crilly, Donna M, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012. Revised to include the additional saints added to the proper calendar for the United States of America. This superb resource and guide for children and adults alike answers all sorts of “who” and “what” and “why” questions about saints, the liturgical seasons, Jewish and Muslim holy days, and significant national holidays. This second edition includes additional Catholic days, such as Marian and sanctoral observances. A list of suggested readings, a bibliography, and a handy index are included. (S,A)

School Year, Church Year: Customs and Decorations for the Classroom (Book) Mazar, Peter, Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. This book is a helpful resource for teachers, catechists, directors of religious education, and liturgy coordinators. It will walk you through the school year, give you a crash course on the church year, suggest customs you can use with children of all ages from Advent to Easter, fall to summer and help you set up and decorate a classroom that will form your students in the tradition of biblical and liturgical images. (A)

Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013. Explores basic elements of the liturgical calendar and the seasons that make up the liturgical year, and identifies the characteristics of each season that should inform liturgical planning and celebration. This resource takes a brief look at the saints celebrated in the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, highlighting some special observances associated with particular months and days. (S,A)

Our Year with God: A Child's Introduction to Catholic Holy Days and the Liturgical Year (Book) Kadela, Natalie, Pauline Books & Media, 2000. A wonderful way to make the Church year come to life for kids! Features prayers, activities and reproducible coloring pages. Ideal for ages 8 to 12. A child's introduction to Catholic holy days and the Liturgical Year. (A)

Opening and Closing Prayers for the Liturgical Year (Book) Kilmartin, Lorraine, St. Mary's Press, 2014. A collection of 120 prayers that follow the liturgical calendar, highlighting major Catholic feasts, solemnities, and memorials, as well as secular holidays. Each liturgical season is celebrated with specific prayers ranging from traditional to contemporary, each dedicated to themes and images of the season.--Publisher's description. (A)

A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions: Praying the Seasons and Feasts of the Church Year (Book) Storey, William George, Loyola Press, 2004. This Catholic prayer book by best-selling author William G. Storey contains some of the best traditional devotions to assist in daily prayer throughout the liturgical year. Strongly biblical in tone and content, A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions was written to carry out a Vatican mandate which promotes the revival of traditional Catholic devotions. This leatherette Catholic prayer book is the first devotional book based on the liturgical year; psalms, canticles, Scripture readings, and traditional prayers help readers celebrate the holy seasons of the year. (S,A)

Prepare! Celebrate! Live It! (Book) Martineau, Mariette, Twenty-Third Publications, 2011. This comprehensive resource helps catechetical and pastoral leaders prepare for, engage in, and live out the Gospel challenges of central feasts, seasons, and milestones of the liturgical year. It also helps them prepare participants (age specific and intergenerational), to participate fully in the seasonal prayer services included here. (A)

Prayers Before the Bell: Inviting Christ into the Classroom (Book) Manion, Betty, Liguori Publications, 2012. Offers catechists, teachers, and parents more than 250 original prayers to guide students through the school year and liturgical calendar as well as special occasions. Each week's theme is reinforced with a discussion question, Scripture passage, and 5 daily prayers that support students as they grow in their relationship with God. A section of special-occasion prayers covers topics such as exam days, athletic events, 100th Day of School, holidays, and graduation. (A)

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[Dominga's Wonderful Year](#) (Book) Yonikus, Sandi, Liturgical Press, 2003. Dominga invites her friends to discover the meaning of the liturgical seasons and to celebrate the Sundays and feast days from Advent through ordinary time. (P,I)

[Eternal Seasons: A Liturgical Journey with Henri J.M. Nouwen](#) (Audio CD) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2004. Nouwen lived the liturgical year with sensitivity and imagination, and his responses to the spiritual seasons were often delicately woven into the fabric of his writing. This valuable companion gathers, for the first time, selections for an entire liturgical year from forty of Nouwen's books. Whether focusing on the tenor of the season, the many dimensions of a feast day, or the import of a particular saint, these readings enable us to reflect and pray in closer harmony with the church's year. The ideal for companion for personal reflection, group settings, and as a fresh resource for liturgical ministers of all Christian faiths. (S,A)

[Following Jesus Through the Church Year: An 8-Part Liturgical Experience for Children and Adults](#) (DVD) Twenty-Third Publications, 2005. This is an excellent resource for intergenerational groups who are gathering during the liturgical year. Written for children of all ages, it is based on an intense search for the Jesus of History celebrated as the Christ of Mystery. Krispin is a diminutive detective who has been assigned to find Jesus. He makes his way through the liturgical year looking for clues but learns in the end that Jesus was present all along. A great introduction to the church seasons for children. Covers Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time, and also the missionary work of Paul as described in Acts. (I,J,S,A)



[September Feast Days](#)

[Liturgical Calendar-Daily Resources](#)

[Liturgical Year Resources on Pinterest](#)

[Making Sense of Saints: Fascinating Facts about Relics, Patrons, Canonization and More](#) (Book) Kasten, Patricia, Saint cards, statues, and medals. Saint posters, tee shirts, and costumes. Even saint apps and Facebook pages. Who are these saints and why do they matter to me? Who decided they were "saint-worthy" in the first place? Why aren't there more present day saints? Now, everything you always wanted to know about saints - and some things you didn't know you wanted to know - all in this fun and handy book that is perfect for families, teachers, catechists and everyone hoping to grow in their faith with the help of these holy hall of famers! (S,A)

[The Gate](#) (Book) Belanger, Nancy Carabio, Harvey House Pub, 2013. For Josh, being a Christian in the eighth grade is completely irrelevant. For him, life is all about playing video games, getting money, and causing trouble. He doesn't need anybody and he makes his own rules. When his teacher assigns a pen-pal project, Josh meets Pie, a spunky senior citizen with a love of his Catholic faith, Saint John Bosco, and the New York Yankees. But Pie creates his own project for Josh, and Josh realizes that God has a plan. In this novel that radiates the dignity of the priesthood and the discovery of God's calling for each of us, Josh is shocked to find himself fighting spiritual battles, but often for the wrong side. As the friendship with his new mentor deepens, Josh learns that God has more in store for him. (J,S)

[Being Catholic: Seasons and Feasts](#) (DVD) Oblate Media & Communications, 2010. Part of our everyday experience is the changing of seasons like special days that recall important events in our history. Our experience also includes religious celebrations and observances that honor important events in religious history. This program provides a comprehensive presentation of the special days and seasons of the Church year so that students and parents will be better able to participate in the liturgy with understanding. Engaging illustrations help make the subject come alive, and easy to remember. For Confirmation prep, RCIA, and for those of us who just may have forgotten some important ways to participate in the liturgical life of the Church. (I,J,S,A)

Check Out What's New

[I'm Glad You Asked: 60 Common Questions Catholics Have about the Bible](#) (Book) Pierce, Mark R. Saint Mary's Press, 2008. Teens of every age have many questions about the faith. Fr. Mark offers clear, clever, and trustworthy answers. The questions and answers are organized around three common topics: Basic questions about reading the Bible Questions about hard-to-understand Scripture passages Questions your non-Catholic friends have about the Catholic faith Questions include With so many kinds of Bibles, how do I choose one? Did Jesus have brothers and sisters? Where can I learn more about the Bible or about how to explain my Catholic faith? And may more. (J,S,A)

[The Holy See Pope Francis Coloring & Activity Book](#) (Book) Really Big Coloring Books, INC, 2014. Designed to be a fun educational activity book to help young children learn all about the Pope. Designed for young children of all ages and those who wish to learn and educate others on the Pope. (P,I)

[Eucharist: A Journey of Transformation, Healing, and Discipleship](#) (DVD) Pauline Books & Media, 2014. Weaving together Scripture, heartwarming stories, and easy-to-understand presentations of Catholic teaching, Eucharist: this program will set you on fire with love for Jesus in the Eucharist. In this three-part series, Mary Amore invites us to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in three ways: to be spiritually transformed, renewed in your discipleship, and spiritually healed. (A)

