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January 2015



The Epiphany

January 4, 2015

(Mt. 2:1-12)

Mystery of the Three Kings (DVD) Questar, 2003. Search for the origins of the Three Wise men and learn the secrets of the gifts they brought for Jesus. By retracing the steps of the Wise Men, we piece together a fascinating puzzle to reveal how their incredible trip has influenced every aspect of the Christmas story, from the time of the Church Fathers to the present day. (S,A)

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the Domestic Church: Activities to Celebrate the Liturgical Season (Book) Fournier, Catherine, Domestic Church Communications, 2014. This illustrated book is full of wonderful family activities to help parents and children alike better understand and celebrate the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. Also included are stories of special saints for the season with activities and prayers. (A)

May Crowning, Mass, and Merton: 50 Reasons I Love Being Catholic (Book) Kelly, Liz, Loyola Press, 2006. The Feast of the Epiphany (pages 229-231) Liz Kelly shares her love for the Catholic faith, discussing why the beliefs of the church are important to her, describing her favorite church traditions, and celebrating the spiritual beliefs that have shaped her life. (S,A)

A Catholic Christmas (Book) Carroll, Kathleen, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011. The Church's celebration of Christmas isn't just for a day (or even twelve) but starts with the joyful waiting of Advent and lasts until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Fascinating stories of some favorite saints make their legends come alive, while the history and lore surrounding some of our most popular feasts—such as the Epiphany and the Immaculate Conception—will help you understand the importance of keeping the Mass in Christmas. (A)



Fr. Robert Barron (Word on Fire) talks about Spirituality and the Epiphany.

Listen [here](#).

[Catholic Activities for the Feast of Epiphany](#)

Mass For Life

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

9:30 A.M.

Marcus Pavilion • Saint Martin's University, Lacey

For Mass details, call the Liturgy Office: 206-382-4878. For parking and other questions: ocff@seattlearch.org.

All are encouraged to participate in the March for Life at the Capitol Building in Olympia

and to schedule a time to meet with your legislators after the March www.washingtonmarchforlife.org

Life in a Flash: Teaching Respect for Life One Card at a Time

(Flash Card Set) Healing the Culture, 2012. Do the ends justify the means? Can a terminally ill person with only weeks to live have a high quality of life? Can science prove the fetus is a person? How can we tell the difference between truth and opinion? Are some human beings worth less than others? Does human value depend on how developed we are? An engaging way to learn essential principles that uphold human dignity, contribute to personal growth, and build a culture of life. Flash cards on happiness, ethics, logic, and justice. (I,S,A)

Changing Sides: How a Pro-Life Presence Changed the Heart of a Planned Parenthood Director

Ignatius Press, 2011. This powerful true story reveals Abby Johnson's conversion from Planned Parenthood director to Pro-life Activist and how her clinic was the launching pad of the bold pro-life effort - 40 Days for Life. (A)

Making the Case for Life (DVD) Catholic Answers, 2013. Using field-tested techniques honed through thousands of encounters in college pro-life ministry, Trent shares practical tips for persuading others to recognize the unborn's fundamental right to life, including: Using scientific and philosophical facts; Employing empathy to break down defenses and defuse hostility; Dealing with "hard cases" and other common pro-choice claims; Three approaches that will make pro-choicers listen to what you have to say. (S,A)

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

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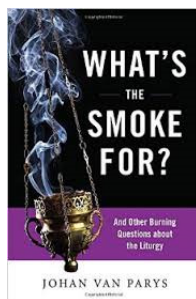


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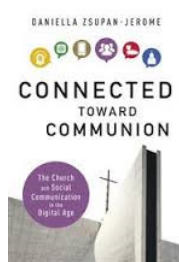


Liturgy (Book) Van Parys, Johan, Liturgical Press, 2014. Blinking sneakers on altar servers, Christmas trees in January--what is that all about? These are some of the candid questions that Catholics and others often wonder about the liturgy. In *What's the Smoke For?* expert liturgist Johan van Parys offers helpful and engaging answers. Based on church teaching and rooted in sound theology, Johan's responses invite inquiring minds to continue to think

about what is happening in the church and to be engaged in learning more about liturgy and the arts. (S,A)

Connected Toward Communion: The Church and Social Communication in the Digital Age (Book) Zsupan-Jerome,

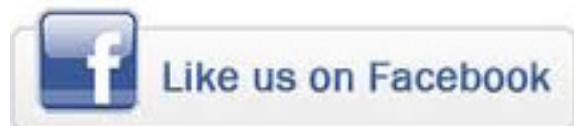
Daniella, Liturgical Press, 2014. Traces the Roman Catholic Church's contemporary thought and practice of social communication, from Inter Mirifica of the Second Vatican Council to the church's approach to communicating faith through social networking today. Throughout, a key question forms a common thread: how might we form pastoral ministers today for serving the church in the digital age and beyond? (A)



The Miraculous Medal: Stories, Prayers, and Devotions (Book) O'Boyle, Donna-Marie Cooper, Servant Books, 2014. Over twenty years ago, Mother Teresa gave Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle her first Miraculous Medal, and she has never taken it off. To date, Donna-Marie has given away thousands of Miraculous Medals. But what is the Miraculous Medal--and why is it considered miraculous? Why is it important for us today? You'll learn the answers to these questions to these questions. The author has collected many contemporary stories of the Miraculous Medal's attraction and impact. Also provided is a section of prayers and devotions, including the perpetual novena prayer, spiritual benefits, and more. (S,A)

The Wisdom of Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel (PDF Document) Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Includes inspiring excerpts from his never-before-published autobiography, as well as several of his best-selling books! A tribute to his life and wisdom. (A)

The Giver (Book) Lowry, Lois Houghton Mifflin, 1993. The Newbery Medal winner, is one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. *New DVD with Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep also available. Film rating A-II.* (J,S,A)



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On Fire for the Light

Women's Lenten Retreat

Heather King

<http://bit.ly/1zcKf9M>

Shirt of Flame: A Year with Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (Book) King, Heather, Paraclete Press, 2011. If you have not read Heather King before, her honesty may shock you. In this remarkable memoir, you will see how a convert with a checkered past spends a year reflecting upon St. Thérèse of Lisieux--and discovers the radical faith, true love, and abundant life of a cloistered 19th-century French nun. (A)

Redeemed: Stumbling Toward God, Sanity, and The Peace that Passes All Understanding (Book) King, Heather, Penguin Group, 2009. After decades of living on the edge, Heather King settled into sobriety, marriage, and a lucrative but unfulfilling career as an upwardly mobile lawyer in L.A. As someone who had reached middle age "never believing in much of anything," she quit her job and found herself in the last place she thought she'd end up: the Catholic Church.. she finds her faith sustaining her through breast cancer, a parent's death, the devastation of divorce, the perils and glories of writing. (A)

Following Jesus (Book) Orbis Books, Shea, John, 2010. Theologian and popular storyteller John Shea introduces us to a Jesus who is uncompromising in his desire for us to follow him and experience peace, joy, love, and assurance. Filled with captivating stories and profound theological insights, "Following Jesus" will challenge and inspire you. (A)

When the Game Stands Tall (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2014. The remarkable journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur, who took the De La Salle Catholic High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. Offers modest but genuine entertainment along with valuable, Scripture-based life lessons. The film contains brief bloodless violence, a few references to sexuality and a touch of mild scatological humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II. (J,S,A)

Mary of Nazareth (DVD) Ignatius Press, 2014. Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his passion and death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. (S,A)

