



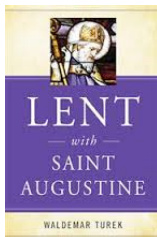
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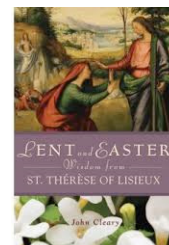
February 2015

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Lent with Saint Augustine (Book) Turek, Waldemar, Liturgical Press, 2015. Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, prayed Saint Augustine. He searched long and passionately so, moving through various philosophies like a lost sheep. In the end, however, he discovered that God is near, within himself, in the depths of his soul. Augustine's Confessions immortalized the path of his conversion, a humble and sincere testimony of a sinner who experienced unconditional love. In *Lent with Saint Augustine*, Waldemar Turek presents selected excerpts for each day of Lent from this pearl of spirituality and literature, while incorporating commentary that takes the cycle of liturgical readings into account. These reflections serve as a prayerful aid for living Lent spiritually, allowing the reader to better experience the sacred while returning to the sources of faith to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. (A)



Lent & Easter Wisdom from St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Book) Liguori Publications, 2015. John Cleary uses passages from St. Thérèse's classic autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, to comfort and challenge you this Lenten season. As you meditate on Saint Thérèse's life, let her show you how to keep your faith when you suffer and how to find your way to God when you are lost. (S,A)



Fast, Pray, Give: Making the Most of Lent:

A Six-Week Guide (Book) Franciscan Media, 2012.

A six-week study program for Lent that can be used by small groups and individuals alike. It focuses on key concepts of Lent in a fresh, contemporary way that will inspire readers to see Lent as an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. The six weeks give an overview of these topics: 1. What Is Lent? 2. Prayer 3. Fasting 4. Almsgiving 5. Conversion 6. Discipleship Each chapter contains quotes from Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, questions for reflection and discussion, a saint for the week, a Lenten practice, and prayer. (A)

Living the Eucharist (Parish Starter Kit) Paulist Evangelization Ministries, 2013. Living the Eucharist is an exciting new parish-based renewal experience designed to help parishes foster spiritual growth and discipleship through a more profound experience of Sunday Mass. The program runs during Lent for three years, and encompasses the full scope of parish life and spirituality through practical, concrete activities and resource materials. It helps the entire parish—adults, teens, and families—grow in their faith and live as disciples of Jesus who carry out the Church's mission every day. (S,A)

A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes (DVD) St. Anthony Messenger Press and Franciscan Communications, 2006. Father Himes helps us reflect on our baptismal commitment, drawing insights from the Lenten Sunday readings, particularly the stories of water, light and life from John's Gospel. Focusing on the heart of the Lenten message, these programs are ideal for use with adults preparing for Baptism, prayer groups and those engaged in ongoing faith formation. (A)

I Believe in Easter (DVD) Vision Video, 2015. Discover the origins of Easter in this thoroughly researched and emotionally charged docu-drama. Trace the history of Easter to ancient Egypt where the story finds its roots in the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery and learn how Passover symbolism is intricately woven into the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus Christ - The Lamb of God. Learn how the church adapted and transformed pagan tradition into the celebration of the Resurrection. See how culture, emperors, apostles and popes have influenced how we celebrate Easter today. The program features new powerfully dramatized scenes from the gospels, along with documentary footage shot in the Holy Land and at the Vatican, plus insightful commentary from church scholars and historians. (S,A)



Resources for Your Lenten Journey
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The Gospel of the Family and the New Evangelization

Annual Faith Formation Luncheon for Pastoral
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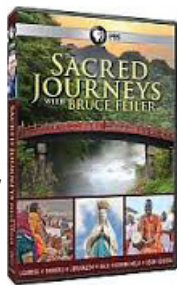
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New on the Shelves...

Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life (Book) Kasper, Walter, Paulist Press, 2014. From one of the leading intellects in the Church today one whom Pope Francis has described as a "superb theologian" comes perhaps his most important book yet. Available for the first time in English. Cardinal Kasper looks to capture the essence of the gospel message. Compassionate, bold, and brilliant, Cardinal Kasper has written a book which will be studied for generations. (A)

Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler (DVD) PBS Distribution, 2014. Retraces some of the world's most ancient, meaningful and challenging religious pilgrimages. Viewers travel alongside contemporary seekers as they explore breathtaking locations, fascinating history, and ancient religious traditions. (J,S,A)

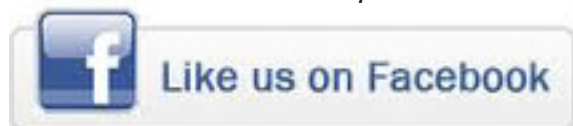


The Light Is On for You: The Life-Changing Power of Confession (Book) Wuerl, Donald W., Word Among Us Press, 2014. Cardinal Donald Wuerl uses his gift for teaching the faith to discuss how best to examine our conscience, how to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our sins to us, and why a regular prayer time is crucial in order to get the most out of Confession and grow in our relationship with the Lord. Scriptural examples as well as stories from the saints and from Catholics today help illustrate his points. (A)

Brother Francis: Following in His Footsteps: The Blessings of Living Out Our Faith (DVD) Herald Entertainment, Inc., 2014. Come along with Brother Francis as he shows us what it means to be a true follower of Jesus in action and deed, and how our obedience can bring light to those around us! Following in his Footsteps will help children to appreciate the blessings of personal holiness and devotion to God. (P I)

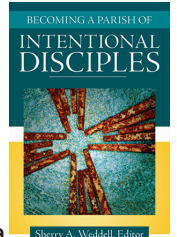


Julian's Gospel: Illuminating the Life & Revelations of Julian of Norwich (Book) Rolf, Veronica Mary, Orbis Books, 2013. Offers a convincing reconstruction of Julian's life in the social, cultural, political and religious milieu of fourteenth-century Norwich, along with a comprehensive commentary on her Revelations. (A)



Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples (Book)

Weddell, Sherry A., Our Sunday Visitor, 2015. Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples has gathered together experienced leaders and collaborators whose exceptional field-tested wisdom and enthusiasm for transforming Catholic parishes into centers of discipleship and apostolic outreach is both inspiring and practical. The authors consider: The role of intercessory prayer in parish transformation; How "fireside chats" can help a pastor connect with his parishioners and call them to personal discipleship and mission; The co-responsibility of lay people and pastors in the work of making disciples; The revolutionary impact of a discipleship approach to youth ministry; How one parish successfully fostered a culture of intentional discipleship, and more. (A)



Behold the Mystery: A Deeper Understanding of the Catholic Mass (Book) Mark Hart, Word Among Us Press, 2014. Hart helps Catholics move beyond the repetition and ritual to see the Mass for what it really is: a heavenly banquet, a wedding feast, in which heaven and earth meet. In his engaging style, Hart guides readers toward a deeper understanding of the Mass, its roots in the Jewish Sabbath, its sacrificial character, and its signs and symbols. As we are told to go in peace, he inspires us to see the Mass as a place to be nourished so that we can further Christ's mission in the world. In the last part of the book, Hart provides pithy answers to frequently asked questions. Finally, Hart offers ten things we can do to get more out of Mass. (S,A)

Remain with Us, Lord: Reflections on the Mass in the Christian Life (DVD) Midwest Theological Forum, 2013. An inspirational collection of personal stories and theological reflections on the importance of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass in our spiritual lives as Christians and the peace and happiness we draw from it to live our lives close to Jesus Christ and to bring him to others. Filmed in the United States and Ireland, the testimonies and reflections brought together in this special video will touch hearts and encourage reflection on the importance and meaning of the Mass in our own lives. We hear from Catholic theologians who explain the doctrinal meaning of the Mass, and from over twenty priests, individuals, and families who attend Mass and answer the central question of what it means to them and how it affects their ordinary and spiritual lives. (A)

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