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Preparing for Lent

A Family Journey with Jesus through Lent:

Prayers & Activities for Each Day (Book) Burrin, Angela M., Word Among Us Press, 2004. Children from Capernaum, Nazareth, and Jerusalem narrate stories about Jesus, starting with his baptism in the River Jordan and ending with his passion, death and resurrection. Each story contains historical details to show what life was like in Jesus' time. Suggestions for Lenten and Holy Week activities also included.

Praying Lent: Renewing our Lives on the Lenten

Journey (Book) Alexander, Andy, Loyola Press, 2009. Reminds the reader that if we focus too much on what we give up we may miss the message of what God wants to give us during this grace-filled time. Provides readers with a rich, full, and transformative Lenten prayer experience, one in which hearts, minds, and lives are truly renewed as Lent takes on a far deeper and more meaningful purpose.

Learning Centers for Advent and Lent (Book)

Murphy, Doris, Twenty-Third Publications, 2008. Offers creative centers for learning, twelve for Lent, five for Holy Week, and nine seasonal centers for everyone in the parish. Offers children and their families the opportunity to experience the church seasons in a unique, inviting, and fun learning environment.



The Church Celebrates Lent and Easter

(DVD) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2004. Presents an overview of the pivotal Easter season from Lent to Pentecost and emphasizes how Baptism is central to identity in the lives of all believers. In the story segment, we meet a man whose personal story of spiritual death and rebirth illustrates the dying to self we all must undertake as true followers of Christ. In the witness segment, Catholics share their personal reflections about the meaning of Lent and Easter in their own lives. In the teaching segment, Father Richstatter presents an overview of the Easter Season—from Lent to Pentecost. He emphasizes how Baptism is central to Christian identity in the lives of all believers.



What Every Catholic needs to know about Lent, Triduum, and Easter: A Parish Guide to the

Paschal Season (Book) McGloin, Kevin Resource Publications, 2001. Understanding and experience of the paschal season. Provides the history of the season, explains its most important rituals and symbols, and suggests prayers and activities that can be done at home.

The Angel's Church Year Lesson Costello, Gwen Twenty Third Publications, 2008. Angel Vita wants children everywhere to know that Jesus is with them always. With the help of Angels Caritas and Benedicta, she decides to invite children on a journey through the church year. Children learn what happened to Jesus in each church season, including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

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January Feast Days



Mary, Mother of God

January 1st

Mary: the Mother of God (DVD) Ignatius Press and St. Joseph Productions, LLC, 2002. This second film in the new the Footprints of God series follows Mary on her extraordinary journey on location in Turkey, Israel and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray as guide. Down-to-earth teaching on subjects like Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and her role of intercessor, and more are offered in an energized, high-impact style that combines the best elements of a travel documentary, biography, Bible study, apologetics course, and church history review.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 4th

A Time for Miracles (DVD) Distributed by Vision Video, 2003. In 1975 Elizabeth Bayley Seton was canonized as America's first native-born Roman Catholic Saint. Kate Mulgrew gives a moving performance as St. Elizabeth Seton, America's first native born saint and a convert to Catholicism who overcame the great tragedy of the deaths of her young husband and two children, and went on to found the American Sisters of Charity and the first American Catholic schools. A film of unusual strength and beauty.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3rd

Mystery of the Three Kings (DVD) American Public Television and the British Broadcasting Corporation 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas

January 28th

Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master (Book) Barron, Robert E., Crossroad Pub. Co., 2008. Thomas Aquinas is widely considered the greatest and most influential of Catholic theologians. Yet too often his insights into the nature of God and the meaning of life are seen as somehow cold, impersonal, and divorced from spirituality. Robert Barron shows how Aquinas's profound understanding of the Christian mystical life animates and helps explain his writings on Jesus Christ, creation, God's "strange" nature, and the human call to ecstasy.

New At the Library

Spanish Titles

La Eucaristía: 20 Preguntas del Pueblo (Book) Liguori Pubns, 2009. Es el libro para ti. El p. Richard Fragomeni usa su experiencia pastoral, los documentos de la Iglesia y el sentido común para contestar las preguntas que han hecho personas muy activas en la fe y ansiosas de profundizar su relación con Dios y con la Iglesia./ Fr. Richard Fragomeni uses pastoral experience, Church documents, and common sense to answer questions posed by men and women already active in their faith and eager to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Cantemos al Señor: La Música en el Culto Divino

(Book) USCCB, 2009. Uno de los más grandes dones de Dios a nosotros, su creación, fue el don de la canción. En palabras y música, nuestros antepasados en la nos enseñaron cómo deleitarnos en el infinito amor de Dios, proclamar su gloria, dar gracias por su abundante generosidad, y suplicar misericordia y perdón. Cantemos al Señor: La Música en el Culto Divino rememora esta vasta y rica tradición musical al mismo tiempo que presenta lineamientos básicos para comprender el rol y ministerio de la música en la liturgia./ In words and music, our ancestors in faith have taught us how to revel in God's infinite love, proclaim His glory, give thanks for His abounding generosity, and plead for mercy and forgiveness. Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship recalls this vast, rich musical tradition as it provides basic guidelines for understanding the role and ministry of music in the liturgy.

Movies & Books

Up (DVD) Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, 2009. The story of Carl Frederickson, a grumpy septuagenarian who decides to get away from it all by relocating his home to South America with the help of thousands of colorful balloons. Joined by an earnest 8-year-old stowaway named Russell, a gigantic squawking bird, and a "talking" dog, Carl finds the adventure of a lifetime as the ragtag group battles evil in the Venezuelan jungle. This touching fable offers lessons for young and old on love and loss, marriage, friendship, and perseverance .A-I.

The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics

See (Book) Rohr, Richard, Crossroad Pub., 2009. Explores methods for letting go of division and living in the present. Drawn from the Gospels, Jesus, Paul, and the great Christian contemplatives, this examination reveals how many of the hidden truths of Christianity have been misunderstood or lost and how to read them with the eyes of the mystics rather than interpreting them through rational thought.

Heroic Living: Discover your Purpose and

Change the World (Book) Lowney, Chris, Loyola Press, 2009. By merging Ignatian Spirituality with astute business knowledge, Lowney provides the tools and strategies needed to make practical, long-term life changes that move us away from our fractured, compartmentalized lives and toward the satisfaction and wholeness that each of us desires so deeply.