

Mary – January 2024

Books newly added to our library collection are marked with an asterisk.

Alban, Francis – Fatima Priest

The story of Father Nicholas Gruner who has devoted his life to keeping the message of Mary at Fatima alive despite what is seen as attempts from the Vatican to silence him and obscure the message of Fatima.

Alborghetti, Marci – My Spirit Rejoices: Imagining and Praying the Magnificat with Mary

The author looks at each phrase in the Magnificat, creating a vignette of the moment it was spoken, its significance for Mary and her family living as Jews at that time, the significance for the world as a salvation moment in history, and for us now. A prayer is given focused on the particular phrase with questions for the reader to consider.

Anderson, Carl and Eduardo Chavez – Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization of Love

This book traces the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the 16th Century to the present day, showing how her message is a catalyst for religious and cultural transformation. In our present climate of North/South divisions symbolized in the border wall and the treatment of refugees, her message has much contemporary significance in how we treat each other.

The Apostolate of Holy Motherhood

An account of a series of visions of the Child Jesus, Mary, and several other female saints supposedly given in 1987 to an anonymous American woman, called in this account Mariamante, on the topic of motherhood. These led to the establishment of the Apostolate of Holy Motherhood in Catholic Families for mothers to devote all their time and energy to the greater glory of God, consecrated to Mary, fulfilling their daily duties in an exemplary manner of holiness, in a contemplative life in their homes.

Buono, Anthony – Favorite Prayers to Our Lady

A small book of exactly what the title says.

Cranston, Ruth – The Miracle of Lourdes

An exhaustive account of probably the most famous appearance of Mary with updated accounts of miraculous cures and the procedures to declare cures miraculous, written in co-operation with the Lourdes Medical Bureau.

De Montfort, Louis, Saint – True Devotion to Mary with Preparation for Total Consecration

A classic statement of the way to Jesus through Mary. Modern readers may find the language, style and length somewhat of a challenge.

*Francis, Pope – Ave Maria: The Mystery of a Most Beloved Prayer

An examination in conversation with Marco Pozza about Mary and her role as the “human face of God’s infinite goodness” in the Church and in our lives.

*Francis, Pope – Pope Francis & the Virgin Mary: A Marian Devotion

Francis has been devoted to the Virgin Mary for many years and has introduced to the Universal Church a devotion of Mary, Undoer of Knots. Heavily illustrated, this book gives short quotations from Francis on the role of Mary in the life of the Church and her help available to all of us.

Girard, Guy at al. – Mary, Queen of Peace, Stay with Us: Testimonies in Favor of Medjugorje

Testimonies to the message of Mary at Medjugorje include the visions of Georgette Faniel whose mission was felt to be opening people’s minds and hearts to the messages of Mary on avoidance of destruction of our world and damnation because of lack of faith.

Hahn, Scott – Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God

A very readable book which examines Catholic understanding of Mary and her role in salvation history through a close study of the Old Testament foreshadowing of what happens in the New Testament.

Hampsch, John – Mary in the Bible: Questions and Answers

A small pamphlet on common questions asked about Mary answered in classic Catholic terms.

Haring, Bernard – Mary and Your Everyday Life: A Book of Meditations

Short meditations based on Scripture and the liturgy, which encourage imitation of the virtues and character of Mary, grounded in her completion of the Hebrew experience of God and in her oneness with her Son.

Hesemann, Michael – Mary of Nazareth: History, Archeology, Legends

Using Biblical tradition, legends and archeological discoveries. Hesemann reconstructs the life of Mary and explores the reasons for the long-lasting devotion to her.

Houselander, Caryll – The Reed of God

A classic contemplation on Mary, based on Biblical evidence, liturgically oriented and Christocentric, related firmly to the daily experience of the Christian believer.

Johnson, Ann – Miryam of Jerusalem: Teacher of the Disciples

Imaginative vignettes of Mary teaching the apostles after the Resurrection about Old Testament women who foreshadowed her relationship with God, and a series of songs of praise, “magnificats” on various themes such as holiness, responsibility and healing that derived from her experience of life with Jesus.

Johnston, Francis – The Wonder of Guadalupe: The Origin and Cult of the Miraculous Image of the Blessed Virgin in Mexico

An account of the apparition of Mary at Tepeyac in 1531, giving the history of the miraculous tilma and the scientific analysis that has been done on the material.

Krymow, Vincenzina – Mary's Flowers: Gardens, Legends & Meditations

A book for lovers of flowers and for lovers of Mary. The author traces the association of flowers in Church history with various events in the life of Mary and with her virtues, offering meditations on these aspects, while proposing the creation of Mary gardens featuring these flowers.

Lombardi, Susanna – Behold! Illuminations of the Virgin's Reactions to the Annunciation

Beautifully illustrated with classical art, the themes of disquiet, reflection, inquiry and submission as Mary's reactions to the angel's visit are explored by the author.

Malone, Mary – Who is My Mother? Rediscovering the Mother of Jesus

The author looks at the traditional popular devotion to Mary which has been changed since the Second Vatican Council but which she feels can again be valid as an anchor in one's spiritual life and as a spur to social action, though with a new emphasis on Scripture and stripped of dubious historical accretions to the figure of the Virgin.

Maria Lucia of Jesus, Sister – Fatima in Lucia's Own Words: Sister Lucia's Memoirs

Reminiscences of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Lucia and her brother and sister at Fatima, and the subsequent events of their lives.

Marnham, Patrick – Lourdes: A Modern Pilgrimage

An examination of Lourdes today: a town of high prices and low commercialism but also the town of Our Lady where the tourist industry, serving more pilgrims in a year than Mecca, gives way to Christian prayer and fellowship. The author describes what it is like to be on an organized pilgrimage and how miracles are authenticated (only about 10% of cures claimed are declared miraculous.)

Martin, John – Roses, Fountains, and Gold: The Virgin Mary in History, Art and Apparition

In a very comprehensive book, Martin covers Mary's significance in the early Church and the writings of the Church Fathers, her inspirational role in architecture, poetry, music, and art. The devotion of the rosary and the scapular are explored and the great apparitions that have occurred since 1830 receive in-depth coverage.

Mary: God's Masterpiece

A short compilation of Biblical quotations and illustrations from classical art regarding Mary published to celebrate the Marian Year, 1954.

Montague, George – Our Father, Our Mother: Mary and the Faces of God

An exploration of God as Father, the feminine attributes of the Trinity as shown forth in Mary, assigned as our mother by Jesus, her function in the work of the

Trinitarian life within us, and the whole contemporary problem of sexist language and the patriarchal nature of much theology.

Myers, Rawley – Embraced by Mary: Marian Devotions and Prayers Throughout the Year

The author gives readings, meditations, and prayers for every Marian feast day and memorial throughout the year as well as readings and prayers for every Saturday and each day in the months of May and October.

Pelletier, Joseph – The Sun Danced at Fatima

An exhaustive accounting of the appearances of Mary at Fatima, her message to the world and the events after in the lives of the children who saw her and in the Church in recognizing the validity of the appearances.

Powers, Isaias – Quiet Places with Mary: 37 “Guided Imagery” Meditations

The author gives us a theme such as the influence of Mary on Jesus in his upbringing and then guides the reader through an imaginary scenario involving the reader conversing with Mary over a particular scene. Mary’s imagined responses can lead the reader to discover solutions to his/her own problems.

Prevost, Jean-Pierre – Mother of Jesus

A really useful book which looks at Mary as she appears in the New Testament and through the experience of the Church in an effort to define more clearly an authentic Marian spirituality. It examines the theological agreement and disagreement between the various branches of Christianity about her, showing how we are now coming to a greater level of understanding and agreement about Mary and her role as an example of faith and memory in the Church.

Robertson, Jenny – Mary of Nazareth

Reflecting on what we know of Mary’s life in the Bible, Robertson examines the spiritual legacy of Mary: unconditional love, physical poverty, spiritual wealth and humble trust in God. Each exploration/meditation is followed by a short section of thoughts to ponder and pray on.

Rossi, Severo and Aventino de Oliveira – Fatima

A book of photographs of Fatima with some text on the apparitions of Mary.

Rutkoski, Thomas – Apostles of the Last Days: The Fruits of Medjugorje

An autobiography detailing the author's rediscovery of Catholicism and devotion to Mary as a result of the putative appearance of Mary at Medjugorje.

Sheen, Fulton – The World's First Love

An extended meditation on Mary.

Soldo, Mirjana – My Heart will Triumph

The autobiography of the woman who first witnessed the appearance of Mary at Medjugorje and who continued to have visions for 35 years, in which Mary gave her ten prophetic secrets concerning the future of the world.

Sullivan, Randall – The Miracle Detective: An Investigation of Holy Visions

As the title suggests, this is an investigation into reported sightings of Mary around the world and the scientists and priests who investigate their authenticity.

To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons

Father Gobbi founded the Marian Movement of Priests in order to further the conversion of the world from sin. This book is based on "interior locutions" of Mary to him, as a guide to helping priests live in consecration to her Immaculate Heart to accomplish her plan to lead all souls back to Jesus.

Vann, Gerald – The Seven Swords

A meditation on bearing the sorrows and tribulations of life through imitation of Mary in her transformative suffering expressed in the image of the seven swords that pierced her heart.

Weible, Wayne – Medjugorje: The Message

A Protestant journalist's investigation of the apparitions of Mary at Medjugorje and his conversion to belief in them.

Winter, Miriam – The Gospel; According to Mary: A New Testament for Women

This is an imaginary feminist re-presentation of the New Testament with an attempt to add a female interpretation of events as they might have appeared to a great niece of the Virgin Mary.

A Woman Clothed with the Sun: Eight Great Apparitions of Our Lady,
edited by John Delaney

A reprint of an Image classic on the appearances and messages of Mary in the last two hundred years at such sites as La Salette, Beauraing and Banneux, and better known appearances at Fatima and Lourdes.