

## Sacraments – Easter 2023

Books recently added to our collection are marked by an asterisk.

In the library section marked “Sacraments,” you can find the following books among many others for useful reading.

\*Aquilina, Mike – Sharing Christ’s Priesthood: A Bible Study for Catholics

A short overview of what constitutes priesthood from the time of Adam and Eve to now, The present emphasis is on both the ministerial priesthood of the ordained, which has the primary responsibility for the sacraments as intermediaries between God and man, and the general priesthood of all the baptized as witnesses to the moral life and the relationship to God in everyday existence.

Ball, Ann – A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals

A great source of information on the origin and meaning of various sacramentals, such as medals, girdles, images, scapulars, rosaries and the sacramentals associated with Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Barbaric, Slavko – Give Me Your Wounded Heart: A Guide for Confession

Created for use in Medjugorje, this book stresses the need to confess not simply sins committed but also actions of love not done.

\*Barron, Robert – Eucharist

A short but thorough look at the Eucharist emphasizing three aspects: the sacred meal, sacrifice, and the Real Presence of Christ, and their effects on participants. He looks at the historical roots of the sacrament in the Old Testament experience of God, what is said in the New Testament, and the thoughts of both early and modern Christian thinkers.

Bausch, William – A New Look at the Sacraments

Bausch looks at the history and development of baptism, confirmation, eucharist, penance and the sacrament of the sick with a view to giving a deeper understanding of these sacraments as mysteries of salvation, as community celebrations, and of the relationship that exists between the sacraments.

Bernier, Paul – Bread Broken and Shared: Broadening Our Vision of Eucharist

By reading Scripture from a eucharistic perspective, Bernier suggests that we have to get out of viewing the Eucharist on an individualist level of a sure pious pass to heaven and realize it as a very practical exercise, following in Christ’s footsteps, of service to, and transformation of, the world.

Bernier, Paul – Eucharist: Celebrating Its Rhythms in Our Lives

To centralize the eucharist in our daily lives, Bernier illustrates how the eucharist's gathering rhythm, storytelling rhythm, prophetic rhythm, nurturing rhythm, and missionary rhythm capture the essence of who we are, followers of the "Lord of the Dance."

Boff, Leonardo – Sacraments of Life, Life of the Sacraments

A short but fresh look at the sacramentality of the world, and of the Church. Christianity is the communication of divine life in the world, so sacramentality is not limited to the traditional sacraments but is maximally concentrated in Jesus.

Bowman, Peg – At Home with the Sacraments: Baptism

Written for parents, this preparation for baptism emphasizes the dependence of the child's spiritual life on the example of lived faith given by parents.

Bowman, Peg – At Home with the Sacraments: Confirmation

Helping parents to prepare their child for confirmation, this book emphasizes the necessary connection between our profession of faith and our actual living out of the profession.

Bowman, Peg – At Home with the Sacraments: Eucharist

Written for parents, this book attempts to encourage the enthusiasm of the parents for the eucharist by looking at its meaning, its relevance to family life, its call to service, so that parents can better prepare their children for a fuller experience of the eucharist.

Bowman, Peg – At Home with the Sacraments: Reconciliation

A very short book which attempts to allay the negative feelings many parents have toward the sacrament of Reconciliation. She stresses the positive nature of the more recent understanding of the sacrament and shows how it can be an opportunity of growth for the child, its family and the community as a whole.

Cantalamessa, Raniero – The Eucharist: Our Sanctification (revised edition)

A deep immersion for the reader into the Eucharist, its Jewish roots, its nature, meaning and effects. A really worthwhile tool for meditation on the Eucharist as the centre of our God experience.

Contemplating Marriage Reader

Essays on all aspects of marriage.

Cooke, Bernard – Sacraments & Sacramentality

This book aims to show that "sacrament" is not something limited to certain religious actions but is a more pervasive element in our lives because Jesus is the primordial sacrament for us. Understanding this would make us realize more completely the basic sacramentality of our lives.

Coyle, Tom – This is our Mass

A step-by-step explanation of the history, content and significance of the words and action of the mass. Recommended for RCIA candidates.

Cruz, Joan – Eucharistic Miracles and Eucharistic Phenomena in the Lives of the Saints

Accounts of 36 major Eucharistic miracles starting with one in 8<sup>th</sup> century Italy and the last in 1970 in Bavaria. Also described are the experiences of some saints with the Eucharist, such as raptures, levitations, and visions.

De Hueck Doherty, Catherine – Kiss of Christ: Reflections on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Selections from talks given by Doherty at Madonna House on her thoughts about Reconciliation and the need for frequent use of the sacrament to enjoy the cleansing effects of mercy on our souls.

Dobson, Theodore – Say but the Word: How the Lord's Supper can Transform Your Life

Dobson looks at two questions: Why does the Eucharist not have the compelling attraction to modern Catholics that it had for early Christians? And, how can we regain the depth and transforming power of Eucharistic celebration?

Donoghue, Quentin and Linda Shapiro – Bless Me, Father, for I have Sinned: Catholics Speak out about Confession

Opening with a history of the development of the sacrament, this gives people's reactions to their experience of confession, including reactions of priests.

The Essential Catholic Handbook of the Sacraments: A Summary of Beliefs, Rites, and Prayers with a Glossary of Key Terms

A useful concise book that delivers what the title promises. A summarizing section gives the essence of each sacrament covering name, sacramental identification, minimum age, repeatability, sacramental character imparted, matter, form, ordinary minister, and extraordinary minister.

Glendinning, Barry – Preparing the Eucharistic Table

Written for those responsible for preparing the Sunday Eucharist, this short book offers instruction of what can be done to increase the significance of the celebration in the second part of the mass for the congregation.

Hahn, Scott – The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth

John Paul II said that what we celebrate on earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy. Based on this, Hahn looks at the sacrifice of the Mass in terms of the Book of Revelation, its imagery and mysticism. This approach throws light on what early Christians understood by the Mass.

Hauser, Daniel – Marriage and Christian Life: A Theology of Christian Marriage

A very academic book for those interested in exploring in depth the concept of marriage and sexuality as explored by Pope John Paul II. Marriage is defined as the most basic human expression of God's covenant with humanity, and procreation as a participation in the love and creativity of God.

Howell, Kenneth – The Eucharist for Beginners: Sacrament, Sacrifice and Communion

The first part of the book is devoted to exploring the Eucharist as both a sacrament of union with God and as a sacrifice to take away sin. The last half looks at the effects of the Eucharist, transforming lives, sustaining mission, uniting the Church and the world as a whole.

Kasza, John – Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum

For care professionals, this gives a theological basis for the history and pastoral practice of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, influenced by current insights from anthropology, history, Scripture, liturgy and pastoral practice, in order that the sacrament can be offered more effectively as part of the Church's ministry of healing.

Knight, David – Confession can Change Your Life

The focus of this small book is that the sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful instrument for personal spiritual growth and continuing conversion of life. Thus, it not only looks backwards to sin and failures in the past, but also forward to living differently.

LaVerdiere, Eugene – Dining in the Kingdom of God

The author looks at the ten meals shared with Jesus that are recounted in the Gospel of Luke and shows how they reveal aspects of the Kingdom of God, events where guests are welcomed, people share with each other, broken covenants are renewed, and all are reconciled. He defines the demands of the Eucharist on us as acting as witnesses to, and a sacrament of, God's love to the world.

Lawler, Michael – Marriage and Sacrament: A Theology of Christian Marriage

The author offers to married persons "an understanding of how to live out the Christ-meaning and the Church-meaning of their relationship so that, by living maritally and sacramentally, they can reveal to the world and to the Church the deeper meaning of all human love."

Lord that I May See

A book prepared by the Diocese of London to assist both priests and laity in their use of the sacrament of reconciliation when it was revised some years ago.

Lukefahr, Oscar – We Worship: A Guide to the Catholic Mass

Lukefahr discusses all aspects of the mass to reawaken a sense of wonder and awe at the love of God expressed in the mass for humanity. Questions for discussion and reflection and meditative activities are provided.

Makin, Theodore – Divorce & Remarriage: Marriage in the Catholic Church

An exhaustive examination of the history of the Catholic doctrine and discipline concerning divorce and remarriage, with an emphasis on the possible problems with the Church's claims on interpretation of Christ's mind on this matter and the Church's effort to establish marriage as indissoluble. For professionals.

Mick, Lawrence – Forming the Assembly to Celebrate the Mass

A close look at elements of the Mass in order that all persons involved can participate more fully in the elements like hearing and reflecting on the Word or offering the bread and wine.

Mick, Lawrence - Forming the Assembly to Celebrate Sacraments

A book to help people move beyond superficial changes in the Church's liturgical life to a deeper sense of personal and corporate renewal. Outside of the eucharist, people are sometimes unsure of the deeper nature of the ritual and symbols and addressing this is, in part, the aim of this short book.

Ministering to the Divorced Catholic

Essays on the theological issues involved with divorce, the problem of divorced persons and the eucharist, pastoral ministry to the divorced, sociological issues and supporting documentation. For professionals.

Moloney, Raymond – The Eucharist

Part of a series *Problems in Theology*, this book looks at the historical and liturgical context of the sacrament and also the doctrinal aspects of the Eucharist, as they have developed in the understanding of the faithful.

Moore, Joseph – When a Teenager Chooses You – As Friend, Confidante, Confirmation Sponsor: Practical Advice for any Adult

A short book with material on what makes a teenager, and how one can become a spiritual guide with specific tips on talking about prayer and morality. Also given is material for meeting with sponsors, a mini-retreat for sponsors and candidates, and both structured and unstructured programs for sponsors and candidates.

Nouwen, Henri – With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life

A small but beautifully profound book on the Eucharist, our Eucharistic life, and the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It centres on the themes of loss, presence, invitation, communion, and mission.

\*O'Malley, Timothy – Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life

An American book, conservative in tone and approach, about the revitalization of Catholic devotion to, and understanding of, the Eucharist, and the implementing of the essence of the Eucharist to family and societal life.

\*O'Malley, Timothy – Real Presence: What does it mean and why does it matter?

Looking at the history of the development of Catholic belief about the Eucharist, O'Malley traces varying interpretations, such as simple symbolism, transubstantiation, materialism, and transignification. Not easy reading because of the complexity of the subject.

Orsy, Ladislav – Marriage in Canon Law: Texts and Comments, Reflections and Questions

For professionals, an examination of canon law in regard to marriage with an attempt to define the theological values it reflects, and some historical background.

Osborne, Kenan – The Christian Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Osborne examines these sacraments from the viewpoint of Catholic teaching, particularly after Vatican II, the basis for such teaching in the New Testament, and the historical development of understanding of the sacraments with regard to various dialogues held with other Christian denominations on the sacraments.

Osborne, Kenan – Sacramental Theology: A General Introduction

Ecumenical in its approach, this is a general introduction to the study of the sacraments, analyzing them in the light of the modern post-Vatican II understanding of Christ as the preeminent sacrament, and the Church also as a sacrament.

Penance Celebrations

Material from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding the format of penance celebrations, which are Bible services concerned with participants' conversion and renewal and which can lead to either private individual confession or general absolution.

Prieur, Michael – The Sacrament of Reconciliation Today

A look at reconciliation and conversion in the light of post-Vatican II theological thinking on the sacrament and the nature of sin. For both priests and parents.

Proctor, Patricia – 101 Inspirational Stories of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Stories to inspire people to return to the practice of frequent confession.

Remaining in the Truth of Christ: Marriage and Communion in the Catholic Church

Essays from a variety of Church figures on the matter of the indissoluble nature of marriage, civil divorce, remarriage, and access to communion in response to a book, *The Gospel of the Family*, by Cardinal Kasper which advocated a re-evaluation of Catholic teaching in the light of history and Eastern Orthodox tradition. For professionals.

Richstatter, Thomas – The Sacraments: How Catholics Pray

The author sees the sacraments as repeated rituals with signs and symbols that have their emotional power in their incarnational character. The sacraments are not just given to the participant but engage the community in powerful prayer. A useful book to increase the reader's appreciation of the sacraments.

Robinson, Geoffrey – Marriage Divorce & Nullity: A Guide to the Annulment Process in the Catholic Church

While affirming the traditional Catholic teaching on marriage, Robinson explores the process of annulment in order to answer questions and concerns from both those who oppose any dissolution of marriage and those facing disintegration of marriage.

These are the Sacraments

The sacraments as described and performed by Fulton Sheen and photographed by Yousuf Karsch.

Wrenn, Lawrence – Annulments

A technical book on the grounds for annulment. For professionals.