New in the Library

**ABCs of the Christian Life: The Ultimate Anthology of the Prince of Paradox by G. K. Chesterton**
Aside from C. S. Lewis, no other Christian writer of the twentieth century has had more influence on faith and understanding than the enigmatic, larger-than-life G. K. Chesterton. This anthology combines twenty-six of the most essential passages from his works—from “A” for asceticism to “Z” for Zion—offering an unprecedented roundup of Chesterton’s ideas on the Christian life.

**Ageless Wisdom: Lifetime Lessons from the Bible by Christopher M. Bellitto**
The Bible is a living text offering all of us Jews, Christians, and Muslims (as well as the occasional nonbeliever) a roadmap to gain wisdom. Drawing not only on the Bible itself, but on medieval and modern Jewish commentaries (midrashim), Christian sermons, and Muslim explanations (such as Tales of the Prophets), Ageless Wisdom offers examples of how past generations of men and women have made the Bible’s lessons about wisdom their own.

**Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments by Bob Schuchts**
How can Christians grow spiritually in the midst of our sinfulness? How can we transform our lives in a way that allows us to share in the resurrection of Jesus? God has already given us the perfect solution—the sacraments. Whether it is the wound of past hurts, the strain in our relationships, or the stress of daily life, we all need to be comforted and made whole by Christ. In this follow-up to his bestselling *Be Healed*, Bob Schuchts explains how the sacraments can fuel your emotional and spiritual healing and bring you closer to God.

**BeDADitudes: 8 Ways to Be an Awesome Dad by Gregory K. Popcak**
Internationally known marriage and family expert Greg Popcak draws on more than twenty years as a counselor and experience as a father to show how the Beatitudes can be viewed as a practical guide to understanding the love of God and applying that love to being a better father. Popcak helps you stop focusing on yourself and instead focus on God, learning how to be the father God wants you to be by becoming a servant leader in your home.

**The Best is Yet to Come: Living Fully in Each Moment by Anne Smollin**
Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin (1943-2014) was a beloved storyteller with an unforgettable sense of humor. In her final book, *The Best is Yet to Come*, Smollin—the author of five books, a gifted motivational speaker, and a trusted counselor—warmly encourages readers to live each moment fully, to discover the sacred in the ordinary, and to remember that the best is yet to come, affirming Christian hope.
Beyond Me, My Selfie, and I: Finding Real Happiness in a Self-Absorbed World by Teresa Tomeo

Teresa Tomeo, media expert and host of the syndicated radio program Catholic Connection, believes “selfie culture” represents a society that is losing touch with its humanity. She offers real ways to rebel against the narcissism of modern life and rediscover our relationship with each other, the beauty of nature, and most importantly, God. Tomeo explores Church teachings and Scripture passages about self-centeredness versus other-centeredness and makes the case for “selfie control” with advice for parents navigating today’s media minefields.

Bored Again Catholic; How the Mass Could Save Your Life by Timothy P. O’ Malley

We want the Mass to entertain, make us laugh, give us foot tapping music and sound-bite theology in under an hour. Yet every Sunday we tune out. In a series of reflections on every part of the Mass, O’Malley challenges us to turn the idea of boredom on its head, calling boredom the good boredom that opens us to the quiet interior space where we can encounter God.

The Discerning Parent: An Ignatian Guide to Raising Your Teen by Tim and Sue Muldoon

The Muldoons draw from their professional experience working with teens and their parents in high schools and colleges - Sue as a counselor and religious educator, Tim as a theologian and professor - to explain how the Ignatian practice of discernment is an excellent toll for the healthy parenting of teens. They share their hard-won wisdom as parents of three to offer you encouragement and practical guidance. You’ll gain confidence to help your teen make better decisions, deepen the roots for your parenting and relate to your teen in a way that reflects the tenacious love of God.

Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope by Andrew Apostoli

Though the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima took place almost one hundred years ago, Our Lady’s call to prayer and penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world is as relevant now as when first delivered. Because of the prophetic nature of her messages, Our Lady has been the subject of much controversy and speculation. Fr. Apostoli carefully analyzes the events and clears up lingering questions and doubts about their meaning. He also challenges the reader to hear anew the call of Our Lady to prayer and sacrifice, for the world is ever in need of generous hearts willing to make reparation for those in danger of losing their way to God.

Getting Past Perfect: How to Find Joy and Grace in the Messiness of Motherhood by Kate Wicker

If you have ever felt that you were not “enough” as a wife or mom, or if you’re someone who struggles to do it all, Kate Wicker offers a realistic and reassuring portrait of Catholic womanhood, placing motherhood in the context of every woman’s primary role as a child of God. Wicker shares how she shook off doubt and negative self-perception, finding self-acceptance as a mom and the desire to stop controlling everyone around her. Each chapter is designed to debunk the lies and expectations that moms often face, replacing negative self-perceptions with the truths of a woman’s true calling.
God Moments: Unexpected Encounters in the Ordinary by Andy Otto
Catholic blogger Andy Otto shows you how to discover the unexpected beauty of God’s presence in the story of ordinary things and in everyday routines. Drawing on the Ignatian principles of awareness, prayer, and discernment, Otto will help you discover the transforming power of God’s presence in your life and better understand your place in the world.

Happy Together: The Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage
By John Bosio
Every couple hopes to have a happy marriage. Why then do so few reach this goal? Bosio believes it is only achievable when God and faith are part of the mix. He offers couples a blueprint for happiness based on the wisdom of the Christian Tradition. He challenges couples to overcome selfishness by learning to love each other as Christ loves. He identifies and focuses on six key aspects of a loving marriage with stories and examples to illustrate each.

Head & Heart: Becoming Spiritual Leaders for Your Family by Katie Warner
As men and women, we have many ways of approaching our roles in family life. But what if we could find even deeper meaning in our God-given vocations by viewing ourselves as the spiritual head or the spiritual heart of our family? Warner unveils seven characteristics of strong spiritual leaders and provides practical tools for leading and loving our families toward heaven.

Heaven Starts Now: Becoming a Saint Day by Day by John Riccardo
Michigan pastor Fr. John Riccardo helps us dive into the Scriptures so that we can apply them to our daily lives. In his inspiring and incisive way, Fr. Riccardo addresses the obstacles we all face in becoming mature disciples. How do we learn to forgive? How do we combat fear and understand suffering? How do we worship the Lord, love others as Christ loves us, and fully surrender our lives to God? If you’ve enjoyed Fr. Riccardo’s gifts of teaching and preaching through his broadcasts and podcasts, this book is for you!

How to Win Friends for Christ...One Conversation at a Time
By Thomas Cavanaugh
How do you strike up conversations with people so that you can share the gospel message? As a seminarian, Fr. Thomas Cavanaugh felt called to learn how to evangelize, so he and his professor at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Dr. John Love, organized a “New Evangelization Club.” Its purpose was to learn how to engage students on college campuses. The mission trips were so successful that other seminaries have organized similar endeavors. This book tells their story and offers practical “how-to” guidelines on how to win friends for Christ. Lively and engaging!
Life’s Great Questions by Jean Vanier
From the mind of world-famous philosopher and humanitarian Jean Vanier comes this exploration of life’s greatest questions: Who are we? Why are we here? What is the purpose of life? With his characteristically deep yet accessible style, the L’Arche founder encourages you to delve more deeply into your own faith and spirituality and helps you to find your own answers to life’s great questions.

Lord, Renew Your Wonders; Spiritual Gifts for Today by Damian Stayne
At the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, Blessed Pope John XXIII offered a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to "Renew your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost.” The rediscovery of the charismatic gifts by ordinary Catholics throughout the world was an answer to that prayer. Damian Stayne is known internationally for his preaching with healings, signs and wonders as well as training conferences in spiritual gifts. Here he shows readers how the spiritual gifts such as prophecy and healing were used by Jesus, the early Church, the saints—and why we need them operating in the Church today.

Meeting God in the Upper Room: Three Moments to Change Your Life
By Monsignor Peter Vaghi
Recalling his own Holy Land pilgrimage experience, Monsignor Peter Vaghi explores three significant events in the life of the early Church that can be traced back to the Upper Room in Jerusalem to guide us to a deeper appreciation and understanding of living the Christian life in prayer, worship and service. Each of the book’s three parts is dedicated to one of these key moments in the history of our faith: the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist, the post-resurrection appearances of Christ to his followers, and the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles at Pentecost.

Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray
Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights these important lessons from Peter’s life, including: How to become a trusting disciple and “cast into the deep;” the pitfalls of living discipleship at a distance and the eventual denial that will come; how to recover from sin and accept God’s mercy; how to become a bold witness to others of the love of Jesus. Come to better know, love, and follow Jesus through the Rock on whom he built his Church.

The Proverbs Explained: A Blueprint for Christian Living
by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ
Acquiring wisdom is both a human task and a divine gift. Wisdom aims at the formation of character, and there is no better guide than the Book of Proverbs. The Proverbs teach us how to be wise and self-controlled, and how to do what is honest, right and fair. Fr. Pacwa, host of EWTN Live, will help you make the most of the treasure-trove of practical advice found in the Book of Proverbs. He explains in a succinct and readable way how God’s blessing is related to our behavior, how you can be like God, and how to live in accord with His law. Because each Proverb is true in a certain sense and applicable in a certain way, Fr. Pacwa helps you relate each Proverb to your particular state in life as well as to your own spiritual journey.
Reclaiming Family Time: A Guide to Slowing Down and Savoring the Gift of One Another by Tim and Sue Muldoon

What happens when our lives spin out of control because we are so busy and overcommitted? The negative consequences of such a lifestyle are well known, but few of us are able to put on the brakes so that we can truly enjoy the gift of one another. Tim and Sue Muldoon take both a meditative and practical approach to this issue. They help us experience the peace that only God can give, and they also share what has and hasn’t worked in their own family. While there is no magic bullet, the Muldoons show us that when we put God first in our lives, our other priorities fall into line as well.

The Rosary; Chain of Hope by Fr. Benedict Groeschel

Responding to the Pope’s Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, his five new “Luminous Mysteries”, and declaration of 2003 as “The Year of the Rosary”, Fr. Groeschel presents this book of meditations on all 20 mysteries of the rosary. Drawing on his vast personal experiences as well as the grand traditions of the Church, he takes us on a spiritual journey that will inspire us to greater depths of prayer. This special book includes: The Pope’s Letter on the Rosary, Rosarium Virginis Mariae.

Saints for Healing; Stories of Courage and Hope by Janice McGrane

McGrane shares the stories of others who have followed in Christ’s path, and who, through their example, afford us all the courage and hope necessary to endure life’s most painful trials. Joan of Arc, who healed the morale of a broken and war-torn France • Edith Stein and Maximilian Kolbe, who offered comfort and consolation amid the horror of Auschwitz • Henriette Delille, who transcended the racism of her time to minister with the slaves • Hildegard of Bingen, who shared her knowledge of herbs to help heal others’ illnesses • Catherine of Siena, who helped repair a divided and corrupt church • Damien of Molokai, who like St. Francis centuries before him, ministered to lepers • Dorothy Day, who ministered to the poor, sick, and outcast of India, and through her message of peace and hope, healed nations • Oscar Romero, who risked his own life to protect the rights and freedom of his flock • Mychal Judge, who during our nation’s darkest hour, risked his own life to minister to those who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

A Season of Grace: Embracing God’s Gifts in the Autumn of Our Lives

by Carolyn Bassett

Every season of our lives is filled with God’s grace, but the aging process can cause believers to lose sight of the gifts that God offers each day. This book of seventy-five reflections can help older adults to remember all that God is doing in their lives, even as they adjust to new realities. Many of the reflections include stories about people who find deeper meaning in life as they age as well as those who discover new gifts from God and other gifts being renewed.

The Slow Work of God: Living the Gospel Today by Thomas Rausch

Designed for spiritual reading or retreats, these brief meditations on the Christian life holiness, silence, spirituality, the mystery of evil, the Beatitudes, the Paschal Mystery, reconciliation, holy families and the diversity of family life today, and the true self among others, are inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and Pope Francis. Based on Paul’s conviction that life in Christ means to be in his body, the Church, thus a life nourished by the word of God, celebrated in Eucharist, and expressed in service to others, the books moves from God, to Jesus, the Church, and practical reflections on living the gospel.
Spiritual Guidelines for Souls Seeking God by Fr. Basil Maturin
Habits of prayer are mere bondage unless they change who you are. The key to spiritual growth is passing from the law of prohibitions into the influences of the Beatitudes. In chapters written for souls hungry to improve their spiritual lives, Fr. Maturin shows you how to move beyond the conquest of particular vices and develop true friendship with Christ. You'll learn not merely how to pray, but also how to combine prayer with the spiritual virtues that are essential to sure progress in the spiritual life.

Saint Mary Magdalene: Prophetess of Eucharistic Love by Fr. Sean Davidson
This work is an extended meditation on the life of Saint Mary Magdalene, known as the "Apostle to the Apostles" because the Risen Christ appeared to her first and then sent her to announce the Resurrection to the apostles. Based on the biblical texts traditionally associated with Mary Magdalene, this book helps readers to learn from her inspiring example and to enter more deeply into adoration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Suffering: The Cross of Christ and Its Meaning for You by Hubert Van Zeller
Van Zeller maintains that you can understand the mystery of suffering only by means of the Passion of Christ. He explores the fourteen Stations of the Cross, plumbing the inner meanings of each to reveal why there must be pain, and what you should do (and should not do) about it. He reminds you that suffering, properly understood, cannot and should not extinguish happiness, and shows you how to accept your crosses with love. Above all, van Zeller shows you that suffering has a purpose, and he uses Christ's Passion to sharpen your vision of life's meaning.

To Know Jesus as The Christ by Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn
This book contains a cycle of catechesis, or teachings on the Christian faith, which pose fundamental questions with respect to the confession of the faith: How can God be one and triune? How can He be all powerful and at the same time permit evil? Is our life free or pre-determined? How is Christianity different from other religions? How do we understand the signs and miracles of Jesus? Why must we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus and hope in our own life after death? Cardinal Schoenborn explores these and many other important questions about the Christian faith, and especially about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Tuned In: The Power of Pressing Pause and Listening by Art and Laraine Bennett
We've all been there: that moment when we realize we weren't listening. Fortunately, listening is a skill we can all acquire with practice, one that has the power to transform our personal and professional relationships. Relationship experts Art and Laraine Bennett offer advice, techniques, and practical suggestions for shutting out the distractions and becoming a better listener. Using real life situations woven throughout with scriptural reflections, the Bennetts offer profound and practical advice for improving your relationships through the art of listening.
What Does It All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving
By Richard Leonard, SJ
What Does It All Mean? brings together into one volume three previous works of Leonard’s on belief and its challenges: Where the Hell is God? Why Bother Praying? and What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ’s Sake? This work augments and develops the early works into a single coherent case for belief. It does not shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church, and outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront and sometimes confound believers today.

The average person spends 14.3 hours a week worrying. We can’t easily dismiss our anxieties, but we can find some powerful allies in people who have walked the journey. With empathy and just the right touch of humor, Jeff Dunn shows us how saints from Paul to Pio weren’t immune to struggles and difficulties. But there are no platitudes or easy answers here. Instead, you’ll find wisdom, support, and guidance as you travel from worry, fear, and anxiety to the peace of God, a peace stronger than anything that would cause our hearts to be troubled or afraid.

Yes, There Is a God…and Other Answers to Life’s Big Questions
By John Bergsma
How many times have you wanted to convey to someone the joy and excitement of the basic gospel message, but stumbled in the process? Here is a book that explains the kerygma the proclamation of the gospel in a simple way. Dr. Bergsma, a professor at Franciscan University and noted biblical scholar, uses both words and illustrations to tell the story of the Bible. In this short book, he brings the gospel to life for believers and nonbelievers alike.

When God Weeps by Joni Tada
If God is loving, why is there suffering? What’s the difference between permitting something and ordaining it? When bad things happen, who’s behind them—God or the devil? When suffering touches our lives, questions like these suddenly demand an answer. From our perspective, suffering doesn’t make sense, especially when we believe in a loving and just God. After more than thirty years in a wheelchair, Joni Eareckson Tada’s intimate experience with suffering gives her a special understanding of God’s intentions for us in our pain. In When God Weeps, she and lifelong friend Steven Estes probe beyond glib answers that fail us in our time of deepest need. Instead, with firmness and compassion, they reveal a God big enough to understand our suffering, wise enough to allow it—and powerful enough to use it for a greater good than we can ever imagine.

Edith Stein: The Life and Legacy of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
By Maria Scaperlanda
In the wake of World War I when neither Jews nor women were widely accepted in academia, Edith Stein rose to prominence as a leading philosopher who thrived in the intellectual community in Germany. She shocked both her Jewish family and her academic friends when she fell in love with Jesus Christ and became a Roman Catholic. More shocking still, eleven years later, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelite order to follow a life of mystic and contemplative prayer, changing her name to Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. More than a biography, these pages paint a multifaceted portrait of Edith Stein as seen by scholars, friends, and relatives and by Catholics and Jews alike.
Mortal Blessings: A Sacramental Farewell by Angela O’Donnell

O’Donnell narrates the events that followed her mother’s fall and the broken hip that led to surgery. As O’Donnell and her sisters cared for their mother’s failing body during the last days of her life, they unconsciously observed rituals that began to take on a deeper importance. Bathing her each morning was a kind of baptism, the nightly feeding of pie took on a Eucharistic significance, trimming and polishing nails became a kind of anointing. Beyond the seven there are the myriad sacraments they made up: the sacrament of community via cell phone, the sacrament of wheelchair pilgrimage around the nursing home, and the sacrament of humor and laughter. This deeply human portrait of loss is balanced by the surprising grace found in letting go.

Under the Influence of Jesus: The Transforming Experience of Encountering Christ by Joe Paprocki

Many Catholics feel catechized but not “evangelized,” meaning they know about Jesus but do not feel they know him personally. The bridge between where we are and where we want to be in our faith journey can be confusing without the right guidance. In Under the Influence of Jesus, best-selling author Joe Paprocki explains complex spiritual concepts with engaging discussion so that “everyday” Catholics can integrate and articulate their faith and live the Gospel in a way that is simple, compelling, contemporary, liberating, and life-changing.

God’s Guide for Grandparents by Susan Erschen

As fun and special as time spent with grandchildren can be, we know that being a grandparent is a supporting and not a starring role. So, how can grandparents truly make a difference in their grandchildren’s lives? Grandparents have the unique opportunity to be holy role models by continuing to grow in their faith and by living the values of the Gospel message. Erschen draws on sacred Scripture, the example of the saints, the teachings of the Church, the writings of Pope Francis, and anecdotes from today’s grandparents. Grandchildren are always watching. Make the most of your opportunity to have a positive and lasting impact in their lives.

The Catholic Guide to Loneliness by Ken Vost

Rooted in ancient philosophical and Biblical wisdom, and buttressed by modern theory and research, these pages bring you to an understanding of the root causes of loneliness and teach you remedies—secular and religious. The Catholic Guide to Loneliness includes scores of lessons about loneliness from solitary monks, modern psychologists, saints like Thomas More and Thomas Aquinas, and Christ Himself.

Tied in Knots: Finding Peace in Today’s World by Greg Willits

Entangled with anxiety? Twisted with trepidation? Contorted with conflicts? From snarls in the workplace to hitches on the home front, most of us find ourselves shaking our heads thinking: Is there any way to untangle this mess I call life? Greg Willits, Catholic author, media trailblazer, husband, and father, has experienced his share of knots, and he’s here to assure you that there’s no tangle you can’t undo provided you have the right tools. Greg becomes your friend and (sometimes hilarious) companion in this endeavor, sharing his own experiences and those of others, as well as Scripture and Catholic teaching, walking along side you as you begin to untie the knots in your life.