BOOKS – THEOLOGY OF EUCHARIST (Mass/Liturgy)

Liturgy, Justice and the Reign of God
AUTHOR: Frank J. Henderson, et al.
Here at last is a basic, practical book which highlights the intrinsic connections between worship and social justice. Inherently ecumenical, this book follows the basic outline of Sunday worship in liturgical churches. Following and introductory chapter and one on the basic principles of liturgy and social justice, the authors explore the fundamental components of Sunday worship: Gathering, Word, Baptism, Eucharist, Sending Forth. In each section the foundational vision of the liturgy for social justice ministry is set forth. Reflection questions and written exercises help the reader develop practical ideas about how to bring that vision to life. In addition, liturgical texts, scripture passages, anecdotes and illustrations amplify the book’s narrative. ISBN: 0-8091-3050-5 BOOK# 12.000

National Bulletin on Liturgy: Eucharistic Devotions
This issue of the Bulletin includes important sections of the Roman document, Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass. Additional resources are provided to help parishes and communities to celebrate Eucharistic devotions well. This issue also contains an important study on the bread used for the Eucharist. BOOK# 12.001

Liturgy and Social Justice
AUTHOR: Mark Searle, ed.
Both the history of social ministry in the Church and its theology since Vatican II point to the need for a systematic address to the relationship of social ministry and worship. These chapters address the theological linkage between social ministry and liturgical life. The authors bring meticulous scholarship and pastoral sensitivity to a task requiring both. The need for this book is evident to anyone interested in liturgy that nourishes life. It is equally evident to those who see justice and peace as both human tasks and, at the same time, signs of the Kingdom among us. ISBN: 0-8146-1209-1 BOOK# 12.002

Living the Lectionary: Links to Life and Literature, Year C
AUTHOR: Geoff Wood
PUBLISHER: LTP, 2003
The author offers gleanings from his own readings of classic literature. He connects them creatively with how he experiences God present in his daily life. His reflections are well aligned with the liturgical year. His referencing literature is a marvelous example of how ministers can use movies, TV, literature and music as a springboard for creatively presenting the good news. It is a wonderful resource for homilists, RCIA teams, catechists and youth ministers. BOOK# 12.003

The Paschal Mystery in Parish Life
AUTHOR: Henri Oster
PUBLISHER: Herder and Herder (1967)
The Easter mystery, celebrated so aptly and thoroughly by earlier Christians, is at the centre of the Christian faith and always has been. Its core position was reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. But as Father Oster records, if there is no question in theory about the essentially paschal character of Christianity, on every practical level Easter no longer dominates. In The Paschal Mystery in Parish Life he traces the disintegration of the feast’s centrality - its effective disappearance from dogmatic theology, theology of the liturgy, preaching, spirituality, and pastoral theology. To change the situation a theological and
pastoral re-relation of the Easter mystery to all areas of Catholic life is needed, and Father Oster systematically provides a blueprint for such development. No facet of Catholic practice is left untouched by his analysis.  

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BOOK# 12.005

The Sunday Lectionary: Ritual Word, Paschal Shape  
AUTHOR:  Normand Bonneau  The Liturgical Press, 1998  
This book examines a key aspect of the liturgical use of the Bible - how the Lectionary puts biblical flesh on the bones of the liturgical calendar and gives paschal shape to the Christian year. After surveying the history of Lectionaries and chronicling its recent reform, the book establishes the foundation of a more liturgically-based understanding of the Scriptures by studying each essential, yet less conspicuous, aspects of the Lectionary as the principles that underlie its selection of biblical passages and the patterns of reading distribution that structure the Sundays, feast days, and seasons of the liturgical year. Pastors, homilists, worship leaders, lectors, cantors and students of liturgy through this book may heighten their understanding of the Lectionary and their appreciation of the liturgy.  

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The Meaning of Ritual  
AUTHOR:  Leonel L. Mitchell  PUBLISHER:  Paulist Press (1977)  
This is a basic introduction to the meaning and history of ritual. In the words of the author, “my purpose in this book is to examine human ritual, and especially Western Christian ritual, to see what place it holds in human life and whether it can continue to hold that place today. It is not addressed to the specialist but to the general reader and seeks to place a study of liturgical origins and meaning in the wider context of human ritual activity.” Lee Mitchell, a Professor of Theology at Notre Dame, has created a hopeful and incisive look into the crisis of meaning which is presently so obvious in the world of liturgy. He says, “It is frequently suggested today that we have lost our ability to deal with ritual, that symbols no longer speak to us. I do not believe that is true. I do think we have seen that certain symbols, specifically religious symbols, which were filled with meaning for people of an earlier age, no longer have meaning for us, and we either know or strongly suspect that they have no meaning for some of those who use them.”  

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Early Christian Writings  
AUTHOR:  Maxwell Staniforth  PUBLISHER:  Penguin Books (1968)  
These writings, newly translated from Greek, are the earliest and most venerable examples of the mass of ecclesiastical literature produced in the first centuries AD. They are the work of a group known as the Apostolic Fathers, who faithfully preserved the apostolic teaching and tradition between the time of the apostles and the late second century. Most of their writings take the form of epistles: those of Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, and Polycarp, for example, are warmly human and affectionate, while the anonymous Epistle to Diognetus and the Epistle of Barnabas are more impersonal. All, however, have a genuine pastoral concern - they are interested more in people than ideas, in practice more than dogma.  


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Called to Participate: Theological, Ritual and Social Perspectives
AUTHOR: Mark Searle
This book is the late Mark Searle’s last testament on liturgical reform. It draws on the teachings, writings and international lectures of this noted liturgist and professor. He offers a historical perspective of the roots of liturgical reform during the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. He describes the nature of liturgy as a ritual activity by which the people of God are invited to share in the life of God. Selected aspects of the liturgy are considered, such as the proclamation of the Word. He also comments on the social character of the liturgy, which is to move beyond the assembly to participate in God’s work in an outward or public ministry.

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Living God’s Word: Reflections on the Sunday Readings, Year A
Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ
This book explores the readings of the liturgical year of Matthew. The author offers a brief introduction to Matthew’s gospel and gives valuable suggestions on how to prepare for Sunday Mass using the readings. These careful and thoughtful reflections on the Sunday readings (including major feast days) offer readers fresh insights into the land and people of the Bible, which can help shed light on our lives today.

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Called to Prayer
AUTHOR: Gerard Austin, O.P. et al.
The 1985 national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions explored the theme “Liturgical Spirituality: Faith Shaping Faith.” This volume contains the four major addresses presented at that meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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The Modern Liturgy Planning Guide
Edited by Jim Holland
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BOOK# 12.022
The Experimental Liturgy Book  
Robert F. Hoey  
Herder & Herder, 1969  
This book presents a carefully selected cross section of more than 100 informal liturgical prayers.  
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The Liturgy Today and Tomorrow  
Joseph Gelineau  
PUBLISHER: Paulist Press (1978)  
Père Gelineau draws on twenty-five years of ordinary pastoral experience in the parish church to show ways forward which will draw on the great traditions of liturgical worship and will enable our worship today to be available to the men and women of contemporary society. In great danger now, as before Vatican II, is that we celebrate a mystery which is not ‘available’. This does not mean that we must reduce it to plain prose - it must have the evocativeness of poetry, and the clarity of plain Gospel speaking. The author knows all the practical difficulties and it is the great virtue of his text to speak not of some theoretical utopia, but of the tiresome everyday realities we all know.  
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BOOK#: 12.024

The Canon of the Mass and Liturgical Reform  
AUTHOR: Cipriano Vagaggini  
PUBLISHER: Alba House (1967)  
The changes to the Liturgy called for by Vatican II included, among other things, English adaptations of the Eucharistic Prayer. Such changes were widely resisted for various reasons, not the least of which were difficulties with the Roman canon in the vernacular. This book is “a major contribution” to the discussion surrounding these matters. “It should make a wider audience aware of the problems of the Roman canon and of possible solutions.”  
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SUNDAY: The Original Feast Day: A Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Eucharist  
Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza  
The Liturgical Press, 1987  
SUNDAY: The Original Feast Day: Study Guide  
This study guide provides a process for priests, liturgical ministers, liturgy committees, parish staffs, religious communities and members of the gathered assembly to reflect on, study and evaluate Sunday Eucharistic celebrations in light of the bishop’s letter and other liturgical documents and resources.  
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The Study of Liturgy  
PUBLISHER: Oxford University P. (1978)  
The present volume reflects both recent ecumenical trends and a renewed interest in liturgy in all churches. The book deals extensively with the five major foci of Christian worship: Initiation, the Eucharist, Ordination, the Daily Office, and the Calendar. Its presentation is historical, beginning with Jewish antecedents and then covering the New Testament period, the Patristic, Medieval, and Reformation periods, and ending with contemporary developments in liturgy. Later chapters deal with ancillary topics such as music, language, and architecture, and their relationship to worship. A concluding section discusses the pastoral aspects of liturgy. [The three editors represent the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. The Orthodox tradition is represented in the team of twenty-two contributors, which includes many of today’s best-known liturgical scholars. Account has been taken of the most recent liturgical revision up to the time of publication.]  
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AUTHOR: J.D. Crichton  PUBLISHER: Geoffrey Chapman, revised
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Cardinal Donald Wuerl  
Doubleday, 2011  
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Liturgy Training Publications, 1997  
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**Living the Eucharist: Celebrating the Rhymes in Our Lives**  
Paul Bernier, s.s.s.  
Twenty-Third Publications, 2005  
If the liturgy is truly to be the source and summit of our lives, we need to look more closely at what we are really doing when we celebrate Eucharist. Fr. Bernier shows how the liturgy is meant to help us learn to dance to God’s tune, a movement that was danced to perfection by Jesus, and whose melody is repeated over and over in the eucharistic liturgy. He explores the five main rhythms of this liturgical, divine melody: the gathering rhythm, the storytelling rhythm, the prophetic rhythm, the nurturing rhythm, and the missioning rhythm. He shows these rhythms are meant to lead us into a deeper sharing of Christ's life, both in the liturgy and in every moment of our days. **BOOK# 12.039**

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AUTHOR: Josef A. Jungmann
PUBLISHER: The Liturgical Press (1965)

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The Ministry of Women in the Early Church

AUTHOR: Roger Gryson
PUBLISHER: The Liturgical Press (1976)

This book examines the historical records and commentaries on the role of women - both widows and virgins, as well as deaconesses - which have appeared in the New Testament; the texts of the second, third centuries and the didascalia; and other sources from the fourth to the sixth centuries.

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AUTHOR: Eleanor Bernstein, CSJ. Ed.

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Sacraments & Sacramentality

AUTHOR: Bernard Cooke

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In Tune with the World: A Theory of Festivity

AUTHOR: Josef Pieper

PUBLISHER: Franciscan Herald P. (1973)

Pieper's beautiful reflections on the meaning of festivity, one's ability to rejoice, the origin of festivals, outward aspects of festivity, only those who can rejoice and affirm as gift are capable of Christian worship, artificial holiday as contrasted with true festival, everlasting festival.

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Living the Mass: How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life

Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki  Loyola Press, 2011

In this revised edition of Living the Mass, which takes into account the changes in the Roman Missal, the authors thoughtfully explain how each part of the Mass relates to our baptismal call, effectively closing the gap between Sunday Mass and the rest of the week.  BOOK# 12.054

The Spirit of the Liturgy

By: Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  Ignatius Press, 2000

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Theologia Prima: What is Liturgical Theology?

David W. Fagerberg  Liturgy Training Publications, 2004

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Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose
Matthew Kelly   Beacon Publishing, 2010
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AUTHOR: Jan Michael Joncas

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AUTHOR: Bernadette Gasslein, ed.
PUBLISHER: Novalis (1994)

In recalling and celebrating the pastoral and liturgical leadership of Halifax’s Archbishop Hayes, Shaping a Priestly People situates his contribution within the broader context of the post-Vatican II liturgical renewal in the Canadian Church. Together these articles provide an excellent overview of the kind of insights and concerns that animate those who are in the forefront of Canadian liturgical life and scholarship. ISBN: 2-89088-674-3  BOOK # 12.067

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AUTHOR: Gabe Huck, ed.

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Understanding the Mass

AUTHOR: J.D. Crichton
PUBLISHER: Geoffrey Chapman (1993)

Christian Celebration has long been a seminal textbook for liturgy students, and is now available again in three separate volumes: “Understanding the Mass”, “Understanding the Sacraments” and “Understanding the Prayer of the Church”. This volume on the Mass has been extensively revised to incorporate developments since the book was first published. ISBN: 0-225-66670-7  BOOK# 12.070 (missing ‘02)
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Joe Paprocki and D.Todd Williamson Liturgy Training Publications, 2013
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The Spiritual Meaning of the Liturgy
AUTHOR: Goffredo Boselli PUBLISHER: Liturgical Press, 2014
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AUTHOR: E. Bernstein and J. Brooks-Leonard,(ed)
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