

Spiritual Reading List Suggestions

The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ

Author: Brant Pitre

“This book will prove to be a most effective weapon... against the debunking and skeptical attitudes toward the Gospels that are so prevalent, not only in academe, but also on the street, among young people who, sadly, are leaving the Churches in droves.” – Bishop Robert Barron, author of *Catholicism*

Joy to the World: How Christ’s Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)

Scott Hahn

What could be more familiar than the Christmas story -- and yet what could be more extraordinary? The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God. The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context. Bestselling author Scott Hahn who has written extensively on Scripture and the early Church, brings evidence to light, dispelling some of the mystery of the story. Yet Christmas is made familiar all over again by showing it to be a family story. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child -- their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their common life. To see the life of this "earthly trinity" is to gaze into heaven.

Eucharist (Catholic Spirituality for Adults)

Bishop Robert Barron

A master theologian and popular Catholic author offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. As festive as the film "Babette's Feast" and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the meanings of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

Love: A Fruit Always in Season

Mother Teresa

Inspirational passages taken from the writings and speeches of Mother Teresa are arranged according to the days of the church year.

The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember

Fred Rogers

A timeless collection of wisdom on love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty from the beloved PBS series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Culled from Fred Rogers' speeches, program transcripts, books, letters, and interviews, along with some of his never-before-published writings, *The World According to Mister Rogers* is a testament to the legacy of a man who served and continues to serve as a role model to millions.

Spiritual Masters for All Seasons

Michael Ford

Every age needs figures of spiritual inspiration but, in times of recession and uncertainty, they are essential in helping us to rise above despair and to search for God deep within ourselves. In this new book, Michael Ford invites four spiritual masters onto the same stage for the first time and shows how they speak, not only to our own times, but for all seasons. Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Anthony de Mello and John O'Donohue all died suddenly at the height of their fame as spiritual masters, but they continue to have immense followings. What was their secret and why do their legacies endure? Through unpublished interviews with some of the authors themselves, encounters with their friends and reflections from readers who have been inspired by their writings, Michael Ford journeys across the United States and Europe to assess their place in the world of contemporary spirituality.

Mary for Today

Hans Urs von Balthazar

Fr. von Balthasar provides a profound and concise spiritual guide for all who desire to know and love the Mother of the Lord. The acclaimed theologian gathers from the Sacred Scriptures and the rich tradition of the Church to present a portrait of Mary that shows her importance and relevance for Christians today.

Pray the Rosary Like Never Before

Edward Sri

Do you struggle with praying the rosary: finding time, fighting distractions, worrying about your mind wandering? In *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before*, Edward Sri offers practical suggestions that come from the rosary's tradition and, most especially, St. John Paul II. These helpful tips will make the rosary a constant companion through the different seasons, moments, and challenges we all face. These tips serve as easy on-ramps for those who don't pray the rosary regularly motivate avid devotees of the rosary to go deeper with the Lord.

Padre Pio: The True Story, Revised and Updated Third Edition

Before his death in 1968, Padre Pio was known throughout the world as a very holy man - many even called him a living saint. This humble Italian priest who bore the wounds of Christ received thousands of letters and visitors each year, seeking his spiritual counsel, healing, and prayer. Padre Pio's intense spirituality and holiness remain legendary and life changing.

This is the comprehensive life story of the priest who became world famous for his stigmata, miracles, and supernatural insights. Read in detail about the many miracles of Padre Pio and discover how knowing this powerful saint can change your life, too.

By far the best biography of Padre Pio ever written - newly updated with more details and 16 pages of photos!