



Holy Family Bookstore

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South Pasadena

*Book Signing by Author
Rick Thomas*

*Will return to the Bookstore on
Sunday, December 2*

Last Sunday, Rick Thomas visited the Bookstore and signed copies of his book *South Pasadena* as well as copies of his *South Pasadena's Ostrich Farm*. We sold out of books in the last hour of his visit and because customers have mentioned that they were sorry to miss his visit, we have scheduled another signing event for Sunday December 2. Rick is the former museum curator and vice-chair of education for the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. He served on the South Pasadena Natural Resources Commission, helping to maintain a strict policy protecting the city's old growth trees. Using touchstone photographs from his own extensive collection—one of the San Gabriel Valley's largest accumulations of historical images and artifacts—as well as national, state and local historical archives, Thomas provides a window to our city's past and an understanding of why its preservation is so important.

South Pasadena is a small city among giants, sandwiched between the great metropolis of Los Angeles and its national famous namesake neighbor, Pasadena. Described as a modern-day Mayberry and a Norman Rockwell painting come to life, South Pasadena thoroughly represents the very idea of "Main Street America."

This book will appeal to adults and children alike, with stories of historical interest accompanying the many images. Holy Family Church is shown several times in the book in different periods of history, including a wonderful aerial shot showing the entire Church campus. If you live in South Pasadena or grew up here, or just love the city these books make great gifts for neighbors, old school friends or just anyone interested in the history of this area. make

Put Sunday December 2 on your calendar. Rick will be here from 10:00 to 1:00 that day

Children's Christmas Books

Children's Christmas books have already started arriving. My favorite for this season is an exceptional picture book by Kate DiCamillo (Because of Winn Dixie and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane)

Great Joy is a moving story and has beautiful illustrations and the suggested age range is four to eight, however the timely message about the power and importance of kindness will appeal to all ages, especially during the upcoming months of focus on fellowship, compassion and hope.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

Acclaimed artist Bagram Ibatoulline sets the story on dark purple winter streets but guides readers through the book with golden light illuminating the beautifully rendered soft-focus illustrations.

A young girl can't stop thinking about the organ grinder on the street and his dancing monkey. When she realizes they sleep outside in the snow and the man's eyes stay sad when he smiles, she invites him to her church's Christmas Pageant. There they find great joy in the glow produced by a community's open doors and hearts. DiCamillo reminds readers in the character of Frances (the young girl in the story) that it is often children who best embody Christ's teachings of empathy and compassion.

Treat yourself to a look at *Great Joy*.

ADVENT 2007

Advent has arrived at the Bookstore. We have a good supply of Advent Calendars, candle sets, advent wreaths and some great books for the 4 weeks of Advent, including *Sacred Spaces for Advent*

Bookstore Hours

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY & TUESDAY

CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY,

SATURDAY

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 p.m.

Just Arrived....

.... from Italy, we just received some wonderful new Della Robbias, including a fabulous large rectangular piece of the "Adoration of the Infant" featuring a lovely Madonna and angels poised over the infant Jesus in the manger. We have never had a piece quite like this.

Also, we have made an effort this year to find unusual gift items made in the United States. Just this week we received a package of treats from Texas. Some of the most unique crosses are here, made of beautifully sculpted wire and colorful beads. Available in three sizes, the crosses are an exceptional example of American creativity.

Sister Wendy on Prayer

Sister Wendy Beckett, adored and renowned art historian, has spent years in silence and contemplation in her calling as a nun. Her celebrated television specials and books about art have led her many admirers to ask about her own faith and practices. For the first time, in this thoughtful examination of the nature of prayer, she reveals her deeply held beliefs about her religion and her intimate understanding of God.

After a most interesting and enlightening biographical introduction by David Willcock, Sister Wendy reflects on the richness and wonder of prayer,, sharing what she's learned in her decades of silence and contemplation. Through her personal thoughts and intimate practices, Sister Wendy opens a window into her own spiritual life and illuminates the remarkable power of prayer to enrich and fulfill our lives.

And because no book by Sister Wendy would be complete without art – accompanying her wisdom are thirteen beautiful reproductions of paintings that Sister Wendy has selected because of the spiritual connection she has with each.

This is a beautiful little volume that would make a perfect gift for many people on your holiday gift list.

Prayers for the Domestic Church

A Handbook for Worship in the Home

This new edition is a 25th Anniversary Edition by popular and prolific priest-author Edward Hays. With a new forward by Father Hays, the author celebrates the “domestic church” — a family worshipping together at home — with a collection of prayers and blessings that remain as fresh and creative today as they were over 25 years ago. With blessings for birthdays, family members, the home, pets and more, this book makes it easy and fun to gather in prayer as a family. This book is an ideal gift for weddings, baptisms, the birth of a child, special family milestones, and sacred moments.

2008 Calendars

'Tis the season for new calendars and we have some unique calendars already in stock to choose from.

For our 5th year, we are pleased to feature *Nuns Having Fun 2008* calendar. Revealing a sweet, lighthearted, unexpected side of convent life, *NUNS HAVING FUN* returns with a year of Sisters playing, goofing, laughing and letting loose. Dating mostly from the 1950s and 1960s, these buoyant black-and-white images celebrate the simple pleasures of a more innocent age.

On a more serious note, we just received copies of the Printery House Calendars for 2008.

The *Year of Our Lord 2008 Desk Calendar* features weekly reflections from the Bible, spiritual writers, and folk wisdom. Exceptional calligraphy and illumination by Jean Formo make this calendar a joyful journey through the year.

If a wall calendar is more your style, the Printery House *Biblical Wall Calendar for 2008* may be just for you. This calendar features the inspired letters of Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, that have moved and guided countless Christians over the centuries. His stirring words open to us a fuller understanding of our faith and encourage us to live it more wholeheartedly. Illustrated and hand-lettered by Maura Nolan Winkler, this calendar would be a great gift to yourself and someone special.

Reading Group Selections in Stock at the Holy Family Bookstore



Men's Reading Group— November *Miracles*

By C. S. Lewis

An impeccable inquiry into the proposition that supernatural events can happen in this world. C. S. Lewis uses his remarkable logic to build a solid argument for the existence of divine intervention.

Women's Reading Group— November *My Life with the Saints*

By James Martin, S.J.

This book is at once Martin's inspiring memoir of spiritual self-discovery and an homage to the Catholic saints who accompanied him every step of the way. As this witty, confessional, and surprising account unfolds, readers see how saints can help them each find their way in the world.

The Holy Family Reading Groups explore a diverse group of books in their monthly meetings. The upcoming selections for Fall are very exciting. The choices are thoughtfully made and even if you cannot join the groups in discussion of the books, we encourage you to take a look at their monthly selections if you are looking for interesting personal reading.

If you would like to join the book discussions, dates and times of

**2008 St. Joseph Sunday Missals
have
Arrived. These publications con-
tain readings for all *Sunday*
masses in the coming liturgical
year.**