

Holy Family Bookstore

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Staff Book Pick of the week....

Reflections on the Nature of God

This book has been a favorite recommendation for several years, and I think it deserves your attention. Edited by Michael Reagan, *Reflections on the Nature of God* tackles the timeless questions of the existence of God, the nature of God and God's relationship to nature. This book considers these questions in the light of awe-inspiring photographs from the cosmos and spectacular images of nature on earth. Striking visuals are juxtaposed with the insights of a wide array of thinkers, ranging from scientists to theologians to philosophers, poets, authors, visionaries and even imaginary characters from much-loved books.

Renowned theologian Martin E. Marty contributes a thought-provoking introduction that explores the range and diversity of the illustrations and text. He suggests that this book, in stimulating wonder, invites conversation from readers. "What do you see in these pictures that might lead you to reflect on the nature of God?" "What do these quotations do to push you to fresh thoughts on God's nature?" He expresses his hope that "in the face of the beauty and terror of space or the complexity and elusiveness of the plant and animal world," readers will have new motivation to respond with care and humility to all that is in and of the earth, and that they will be more open than before to the presence of the neighbor or the stranger who also seeks and ponders the nature of God.

Reading Group Selections in Stock at the Holy Family Bookstore

Men's Reading Group—March

Ornament of the World

By Maria Rosa Menocal

Widely hailed as a revelation of a "lost" golden age, this history brings to vivid life the rich and thriving culture of medieval Spain where, for more than seven centuries, Muslims, Jews, and Christians lived together in an atmosphere of tolerance, and literature, science, and the arts flourished.

Women's Reading Group—March

Jesus of Nazareth

By Pope Benedict XVI

In this bold, momentous work, the pope--in his first book written as Benedict XVI--seeks to salvage the person of Jesus from recent popular depictions and to restore Jesus true identity as discovered in the Gospels. Through his brilliance as a theologian and his personal conviction as a believer, the pope shares a rich, compelling, flesh-and-blood portrait of Jesus and incites believers to encounter, face-to-face, the central figure of the Christian faith.

The Holy Family Reading Groups explore a diverse group of books in their monthly meetings. The upcoming selections 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 peruse their monthly selections if you are looking for interesting personal reading.

If you would like to join the book discussions, dates and times of the gatherings are available in the weekly parish bulletin.

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.

STAFF CD PICK OF THE WEEK

An Ancient Muse

By Loreena McKennitt

This CD is truly a musical journey. Loreena McKennitt set out on to explore the Celts and their history. From the liner notes of this CD..."It is with an eye on this history that this musical document evolved, with ruminations on the universal themes of life and love, conquest and death; of home, identity, the migrations of people and the resulting evolution of cultures. Out paths may differ but our quests are shared; our desire to love and to be loved, our thirst for liberty and our need to be appreciated as unique individuals within the collectivity of our society."

Music was gathered from Mongolia, Northwest China, Turkey, the Greek island of Chios and Jordan.

This eclectic mixture of musical cultures and traditions as well as a variety of wondrous instruments, makes this CD a pleasure to listen to. Miss McKennitt's voice is especially suited to the wide range of musical styles and melodies.

If the Belleek is on display...
...St. Patrick's Day
is almost here

Alston has created a fabulous display for St. Patrick's Day. Included are some of our beautiful Celtic Crosses from Wild Goose Studios and, of course, we have a remarkable collection of Belleek China included in the display. If you are not familiar with this centuries old product of Ireland, here is a little tutorial...

When a customer purchases a piece of Belleek China they become the owner of a truly original piece of Irish craftsmanship, made using materials and techniques handed down from generation to generation. No two pieces are ever the same. Every handle, flower and brush stroke is lovingly applied by hand to create the look and feel that is uniquely Belleek.

This reputation has been built on product excellence. Only Belleek of the highest quality is ever put on sale. Back in 1857, the pottery's founder, John Caldwell Bloomfield declared that any piece with even the slightest flaw should be destroyed. More than 140 years later, this golden rule is still strictly adhered to. The result, is perfection.

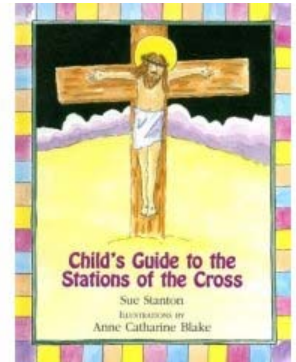
The Holy Family Bookstore is proud to display and sell this quality product from Ireland. We are one of the few retailers in the area who stocks a sizeable collection. We are also happy to special order items from this collection.

Della Robbia Angels

If you are anticipating a need for a First Communion, Confirmation or Baptism gift and would like to give the gift of a Della Robbia, we have a lovely selection of Angel Della Robbias in stock. Because supplies are limited and orders take a long time to get, we suggest that you shop early to avoid disappointment later in the spring. We have a limited supply of larger pieces, including Holy Family and Madonna plaques, as well as a unique Innocente.



Child's Guide to the Stations of the Cross



Sue Stanton, author of the best-selling *Child's Guide to the Mass*, combines the time-honored prayers and format of the Stations of the Cross with a fresh perspective for today's children. Tapping the rich treasures and traditions of the Church, she helps children learn *how to pray* the Stations, whether alone or in a group. Then her clear, insightful reflections help children understand *how to find meaning* in each Station that immediately applies to their lives right now.

Illustrator Anne Catharine Blake steps back from the light-filled colors she normally uses for this award-winning series. Instead, in this book she evokes the quiet thoughtfulness of Lent. Her age-appropriate pictures are tender, sad, and deeply moving, yet at the same time avoid the bleakness so often associated with the Stations. The Fifteenth Station is included, but is explained as one that is prayed in some but not all parishes.

As teachers, catechists and parents continue to rediscover the endless wealth of Church traditions, they will find the *Child's Guide to the Stations of the Cross* an excellent way to combine the best of the past with the best of the present.

BEST SELLING BOOKS AT THE HOLY FAMILY BOOKSTORE

<i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i>	Henri Nouwen
<i>Bread for the Journey</i>	Henri Nouwen
<i>40-Day Journey with Joan Chittister</i>	Joan Chittister
<i>Sacred Space 2008</i>	
<i>Mother Teresa, Come Be My Light</i>	Brian Kolodiejchuck
<i>Eat, Pray, Love</i>	Elizabeth Gilbert
<i>My Life With the Saints</i>	James Martin, S. J.
<i>Gift of the Jews</i>	Thomas Cahill
<i>Self Meditation</i>	Barbara Ann Kipfer

**It's never too early to think
about shopping for First
Communion and
Confirmation**

Mark Your Calendars
In anticipation of Easter, and the
Sacramental Season
the Bookstore will be open 7 days a week
between March 17 and May 17.
Watch the bulletin for further information.