May: The Month of Mary

**Mary of Nazareth** (DVD) Ignatius Press, 2014 An epic motion picture on the life of Mary, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary’s profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God’s plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his passion and death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. (S,A)

**Full of Grace: The Story of Mary the Mother of Jesus** (DVD) Outside Da Box, 2016. There is one person in scripture that had the experience of living thirty years with Jesus, from birth through His resurrection: Mary, His mother. After a full life lived with the Son of God, fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple, and seeing him placed upon the cross, Mary is living her final earthly days pondering her life with Jesus. Set ten years after the Resurrection, Mary eagerly awaits the return of the apostle Peter. (S,A)

**Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** (DVD) Ascension Press, 2014. An extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the program will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. (S,A)

**Wholly Mary, Mother of God** (Book) Padgett, Chris, Servant Books, 2011. Chris Padgett walks us through what the Bible has to say about the Mother of God. What she has meant to the Church throughout the centuries, what do the apparitions add, what have the saints told us about her and, most importantly, what can we learn from her ourselves? Other facets of this explanation of the Blessed Mother include: The power of the rosary; How the Mass relates to Mary; and Four important dogmas about Mary. (A)

**Lessons, Prayers and Activities on Mary** (Book) Glavich, Kathleen, Twenty-Third Publications, 2016. This easy-to-use resource can help you teach memorably about Mary and invite your learners to deeper reflection and prayer. Here are just a few of the many Marian subjects covered: The meaning and origin of prayers and devotions, the Miraculous Medal, the Rosary, and the scapular; The Immaculate Conception; Important events in Mary’s life such as The Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Flight into Egypt; Mary’s titles, roles, and feasts; Her apparitions at Lourdes, Fatima, and elsewhere, and what they mean for each of us. (P,I,J)

**We Learn about Mary and Her Feast Days** (Book) Chaput, Ann Therese, Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. Provides teachers and catechists with background material on the feasts, memorials, and solemnities on the universal calendar that honor Mary. This information will help teachers explain to the children how the Church has honored Mary from its early years. Activities for second and third and fourth and fifth graders are provided. All of the material within the children's edition is provided in the Teaching Edition. The dogmas on the Immaculate Conception and Assumption are explained. Marian prayers are provided. (P,I)

**MARIAN RESOURCES FROM LOYOLA PRESS** MARY HAS A UNIQUE AND PRIVILEGED PLACE IN SALVATION HISTORY AND IN THE CHURCH. BECAUSE SHE RESPONDED YES TO BECOMING THE MOTHER OF GOD, SHE IS OUR FIRST MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP AND OUR MODEL OF GRACE AND TRUST IN GOD.
New Books in the Library

**Vibrant Paradoxes: The Both/And of Catholicism** (Book) Barron, Robert E., Word On Fire, 2016. G.K. Chesterton once said that Catholicism keeps its beliefs "side by side like two strong colors, red and white...It has always had a healthy hatred of pink. “Catholicism is both/and, not either/or. It celebrates the union of contraries--grace and nature, faith and reason, Scripture and tradition, body and soul--in a way that the full energy of each opposing element remains in place. In Vibrant Paradoxes, bestselling author Bishop Robert Barron brings together themes and motifs that many would consider mutually exclusive or, at best, awkward in their juxtaposition. But seen through the Incarnation, these opposites crash together and reflect new light in every direction. (A)

**Pontifical Swiss Guard Presents the Vatican Cookbook** (Book) Geisser, David, Sophia Institute Press, 2016. The Vatican's exclusive chefs reveals for the first time the favorite dishes and personal menus of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, and St. John Paul II. Enjoyed daily by Vatican dignitaries and guests from around the world, the more than 80 gourmet recipes included here range from the simple to the sublime, and from everyday staples to perfect meals for holiday feasts. Many of these recipes have been served at Vatican tables for centuries, and represents some of the finest cuisine in all of Rome. This one-of-a-kind book features over a hundred full-color photographs of these dishes, beautiful behind-the-scenes shots of daily life at the Vatican, dinner prayers and more, making this gorgeous cookbook nothing short of divine. (A)

**Dear Young People: Inspiration from Pope Francis for Everyone** (Book) McGrath, Mickey, World Library Publications, 2015. Brother McGrath presents a new book for young people (of all ages!) containing inspiration from Pope Francis in the form of quotations and tweets. Colorful and sometimes whimsical art helps illustrate Francis' vision for making the kingdom of God real in our world. Brother Mickey adds his own writings to include his encounters in daily life where he meets the marginalized, the sick, the poor, and those in desperate need of a better life. Mickey's years as an educator give him a unique insight into the minds of those eager to grow and learn. (I,J,S,A)

**The Messy Quest for Meaning: Five Catholic Practices for Finding your Vocation** (Book) Martin, Stephen, Sorin Books, 2012. Drawing on lessons learned from Catholic monks and saints as well as his own experience, Martin has crafted five unique practices to help Catholics grapple with life's truly important questions and discover their calling in the world. The Messy Quest for Meaning is one of the first books to tap into the wisdom of the Catholic spiritual tradition to help readers discern a vocation that will not only provide them with a livelihood but also just might help save their lives. Martin first tells of his own struggle to find meaning and purpose in his life and then details the five transforming practices that he learned, over time, from the Trappist monks whom he studied, interviewed, and prayed with. (S,A)

**Why Do We Have to be So Quiet in Church? And 12 Other Questions Kids Have about God** (Book) Simpson, Clare, Paraclete Press, 2013. This fun book is meant to accompany a child to church - or sit in the pews waiting for him or her. Exploring questions young children naturally have, the answers are both educational and entertaining, such as: Why do we have to be so quiet in church? Does God hear me when I sing? Why do we say "Amen" at the end of everything? Does God like it when I kneel or bow my head? What does God look like? Does God remember my Baptism? Can God see me, no matter where I go or what I do? Does God see me when I do something wrong? Does God really forgive my sins? (P)

New Movies in the Library

**Voices of Vatican II** (DVD) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015. Voices of Vatican II, twelve men who took part in the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) look back at that historic event, half a century after the fact. It features abundant archival footage of the council, much of it rarely seen, and exclusive interviews with those who recount the history they witnessed and helped to make. All the voices heard in this film are of bishops and priests—including Pope Benedict XVI—who participated in Vatican II and who, in most cases, have played important roles in the life of the Catholic Church over the subsequent decades. (S,A)

**The Letters** (DVD) 20th Century Fox, 2016. Based on the true story of Mother Teresa, the film explores the life's work of the Nobel Peace Prize recipient and one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Her selfless devotion to helping the poor changed hearts, transformed lives, and inspired millions throughout the world. Told through a series of personal letters written to her longtime friend and spiritual advisor. (S,A)