

A Liturgy Bibliography In progress...

First, two books that are excellent starters, with both inspiring ideas about how the mass fits into our faith lives, and the plain details of how the liturgy flows:

1. **Liturgy With Style and Grace**

By Gabe Huck and Gerald T. Chinchar, Liturgy Training Publications, 1998

2. **We Gather in Christ: Our Identity As Assembly**

By the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, L.T.P., 1996

3. *Another book about the "nuts and bolts" of the mass, a bit shorter, but still plenty to think about:*

Gather Faithfully Together: Guide for Sunday Mass

Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, L.T.P., 1997

4. *This history book shows how the mass has developed and changed over the centuries, from the viewpoint of regular laypeople attending;*

Age To Age: How Christians Have Celebrated the Eucharist

Edward Foley, OFM, CAP L.T.P., 1991 (revised version now available)

5. *This one tells how the mass fits in with the rest of Jesus' ministry on earth, especially the dinners:*

Dining in the Kingdom of God

Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere SSS, Liturgy Training Publications, 1998

6. *The next book points out many readings from the lectionary where the editors missed the chance to show the vital roles that women play in the Bible.*

Remembering the Women: Women's Stories from Scripture for Sundays and Festivals

J. Frank Henderson, Marjorie Procter-Smith, Jean Campbell OSH, Ruth Fox OSB, Eileen Schuller OSU; L.T.P. 1999

7. *Pope John Paul II wrote beautifully about how prominent and special Sundays ought to be in the lives of all Christians. One of his best works.*

Dies Domini (on Keeping The Lord's Day Holy)

Pope John Paul II, 1998

8. *The American Bishops explained how essential it is for every Christian community to celebrate the liturgy in a way that is meaningful for themselves. The introduction to this document applies to every culture.*

Plenty Good Room: The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1991.

9. *Another overview of the whole mass, more of a blend of theory and practical advice than those at the top of the list:*

Eucharist: A Thanksgiving Celebration

Leo Hay OFM, Michael Glazier Inc., 1989

10. *Another history book, about how the celebrations of all the sacraments developed over time:*

Doors to the Sacred: A Historical Introduction to Sacraments in the Catholic Church

Joseph Martos, Liguori/Triumph, 1981/2001