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## How About A Good Book!

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It's getting cooler out and this beautiful fall will lead into the cold and snows of winter. If you're looking for something cozy to do on those winter days and evenings, how about a good inspirational book?

Listed below are some great inspirational, maybe even life-changing books, yet they're easy readers.

Some have been recommended by Fr. Ilango, Fr. David and members of the parish. Some of the books have been used in the St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club and some are just my favorites through the years. Some books I've gotten from Catholic Digest (a magazine every Catholic home should have!) but most are easily available on Amazon.com.

1) Eucharist Miracles and Eucharist Phenomena in the Lives of Saints

by Joan Carroll Cruz

- This book contains The Miracle of Lanciano, which every Catholic should know about and share with the world! You'll never receive Communion again without the awe that you are truly touching and holding a miracle in your hand!

2) 33 Days to Morning Glory and 33 Days to Merciful Love

by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley

- These books will help you develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus and Mary and some very special saints in our modern time. These books will become part of your daily life!

3) The Lamb's Supper – The Mass as Heaven on Earth

by Scott Hahn

- "Most Catholics sitting in the pews on Sundays fail to see the powerful, supernatural drama that unfolds them."
- Scott Hahn will help readers see the Mass and Adoration with new opened eyes that see the power of the Mass, enter into the Mass more intelligently, and pray the prayers of the Mass with a renewed humble and grateful heart. You will realize that during Mass there is so much of heaven there with us!

Scott Hahn also has some other great books that I recommend.

- Reasons to Believe-How to Understand, Explain, and Defend the Catholic Faith
- Signs of Life-40 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots
- Hail, Holy Queen.

They are not thick books but are they ever packed with information!

4) My Life with the Saints

by Fr. James Martin, SJ

- This book will help you connect the lives of saints to your own everyday life. He has a great sense of humor.

5) Rediscover Jesus

by Matthew Kelly

- "At a time when so many people are spiritually disillusioned and searching for ways to live, love, work, and play that nurture the soul rather than destroy it, Matthew Kelly's book encourages us in our weariness, challenges us, and invites us to see that God's place and possibilities are before us daily."
- If you haven't read this book, get it out and see how down to earth heaven can be for us!

6) St. Monica and the Power of Persistent Prayer  
by Mike Aquilina and Mark W Sullivan

and of touching other people's lives.  
It's a memorable book.

7) St. Monica - The Power of a Mother's Love  
by Giovanni Falbo

These are only a few of the fantastic books out there that can enrich our lives and lead us to meet Our Heavenly Father, Jesus, Our Brother and Our Lovely Mother, Mary.

- Get to know a woman who went through a lot of hardship in her life and yet, never gave up! Her persistent prayers gave us a great saint, St. Augustine. She will inspire you to never give up asking God for the little things to the things that seem to require a miracle.
- Ask her to help and intercede for you.

Turn off that TV and turn to a book that will make lasting memories and impact your life forever!

I share this prayer from St. Thomas Aquinas.

8) Way to Happiness - Life is Worth Living  
by Fulton J. Sheen

Come, Holy Spirit, divine Creator, and true source of light and fountain of wisdom!

- Fulton J. Sheen has many inspiring books that are so grounded in every day and in the issues that still affect our lives today. He has a great sense of humor yet he says it like it is! He had his own TV show and the shows are recorded on DVD. They are classics!

Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.

9) The Incorruptibles  
by Joan Carroll Cruz

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.

- "The remarkable phenomenon of the incorruption of certain saints' bodies is the subject of this enthralling and well documented study." No other faith in the world holds this amazing phenomenon that is still with us.

Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. Amen.

May Our Lord, Our Lady, and the holy angels and saints guide you to continue to grow closer to them.

10) 7 Secrets of the Eucharist  
by Vinny Flynn

Blessings to you,

Kathy Peichel

- This book gives more understanding of the Eucharist based in Scripture, writings of the saints and popes. It's a little book with a huge way of transforming your daily life.

## Christmas

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new church year and the beginning of our season of preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

11) The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  
by Kate DiCamillo

- This book is meant for children but even adults love it. It's not a religious book but it shows the power of love

I am afraid that too many in our culture today have forgotten this. Maybe a gentle reminder

will help them to remember that the coming of Christ, not sales, gifts and parties, is the reason for our happiness. Why not wish all those we meet with a “Merry and Blessed Christmas” instead of “Happy Holidays”.