

A LIST OF SUGGESTED READING ON THE MASS

This list concentrates on the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament and is divided into three sections: devotional, historical & theological, and liturgical & ceremonial. Of course, there is some overlap between these categories and some people may have placed different books in different categories, but here we present a suggested reading list nonetheless.

Many of these books were written with the Traditional Latin Mass in mind, that is, with reference to the Mass as it was before the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s.

Read the notes and, if you wish, speak to Fr Joseph before buying. For out-of-print books, try <https://www.usedbooksearch.co.uk/>

Key to abbreviations **i/p** in-print **o/p** out-of-print **pp** number of pages

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Listed alphabetically by author.

DEVOTIONAL

A Forest of Symbols: The Traditional Mass and Its Meaning by Claude Barthe.
Translated by David J. Critchley. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press.
2023. pp174.

On the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by St Robert Bellarmine. Translated by
Ryan Grant. Post Falls, Idaho: Mediatrix Press. 2020. pp308.

The Incredible Catholic Mass by Martin von Cochem. First English edition
published by Benzinger Brothers in 1896 under the title, *Cochem's
Explanation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*. Now available from Tan
Books. 2012. pp425.

The Mass and the Saints. Thomas Crean. Oxford: Family Publications. 2008. pp208.

The Church's Year by Leonard Goffine. Translated by Gerad M. Pilz in 1880. Re-
issued: St Mary's Kansas: Angelus Press. 2020. pp791.

Sacred Signs by Romano Guardini. First published in 1911. First published in
English with a translation by Grace Branham in 1956 by Pio Decimo Press.
A modern re-print is now available printed by Amazon Press.

Nothing Superfluous: An Explanation of the Symbolism of the Rite of St Gregory the Great by James W. Jackson. Lincoln, Nebraska: Redbrush. 2016. pp357.

The Epistle to the Hebrews and the Seven Core Beliefs of Catholics by Shane Kapler. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press. 2016. pp154.

Reclaiming our Roman Catholic Birthright: The Genius & Timelessness of the Traditional Latin Mass by Peter Kwasniewski. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press. 2020. pp369.

The Hidden Treasure: Holy Mass by St Leonard of Port Maurice (1676-1751). Reprinted in 2012. Charlotte, North Carolina: Tan Books. pp110.

Words of Life: On the Margin of the Missal by Dom Columba Marmion. London: Sands & Co. 1960. pp480. Extracts from the writings of Dom Columba Marmion for Sundays and feast days of the year.

The Mind of the Missal by C.C. Martindale. London: Sheed & Ward. 1929. pp276.

The Liturgy of the Church According to the Roman Rite by Virgil Michel. Originally published in 1937. Reprinted – Waterloo, Ontario: Arouca Press. 2022. pp369.

Great Catholic Festivals by James L. Monks. London & New York: Abelard-Schuman. 1958. pp110.

Restoring Lost Customs of Christendom by Matthew R. Please. Our Lady of Victory Press. 2023. pp265.

Living the Christian Seasons by Charles K. Riepe. New York: Herder & Herder. 1964. pp96.

The Mass in Meditation by Theodor Schnitzler. Translated by Rudolph Kraus. St Louis and London: Herder Book Co. 1959. 2 vols. pp247 & 317 respectively.

In Praise of the Tridentine Mass and of Latin, Language of the Church by Roberto Spataro. Translated by Zachary Thomas. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press. 2019. pp123.

With Christ Through the Year: The Liturgical Year in Word and Symbols by Bernard Strasser. Originally published in 1947 by The Bruce Publishing Company. Reprinted: Waterloo, Ontario: Arouca Press (no date). pp338.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Ladder of Sanctity by Eugène Vandeur. Translated by Clara Rumball. Originally published in French in 1930. Re-published by The Cenacle Press at Silverstream Priory, 2023. pp199. i/p.

His Own Received Him Not: English Martyrs of the Holy Mass by J.K. Wittbridt. St Mary's Kansas: Angelus Press. 2022. pp255.

HISTORICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Mass and Redemption by M.C. D'Arcy. London: Burns, Oates, & Washbourne. 1926. pp138

The Traditional Mass: History, Form, & Theology of the Classical Roman Rite by Michael Fiedrowicz. Translated by Rose Pfeifer. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press: 2020. pp331.

Sacrifice of the Eucharist and Other Doctrines of the Catholic Church by Charles Garside. London: Burns & Oates. 1875. pp373.

The Canon of the Mass: Its History, Theology, and Art by Jerome Gassner. St Louis and London: Herder Book Co. 1950. pp404.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Dogmatically, Liturgically and Artistically Explained by Nicholas Gihl. Translated from the German. St Louis & London: Herder Book Co. 1942. pp778.

The Mass: The Presence of the Sacrifice of the Cross by Charles Journet. Translated by Victor Szczurek. South Bend, Indiana: St Augustine's Press. (No date.) pp271

The Mass of the Roman Rite: Its Origins and Developments by Joseph Jungmann. Translated by Francis Brunner; revised by Charles Riepe. London: Burns & Oates. 1959. pp564. First English edition published by Benzinger Brothers in 2 vols. in 1955.

Noble Beauty, Transcendent Holiness: Why the Modern Age Needs the Mass of Ages by Peter Kwasniewski. Brooklyn, New York: Angelico Press. 2017. pp316.

The Once and Future Roman Rite: Returning to the Traditional Latin Liturgy after Seventy Years of Exile by Peter Kwasniewski. Gastonia, North Carolina: Tan Books. 2022. pp435.

The Organic Development of the Liturgy by Alcuin Reid. San Francisco: Ignatius Press. 2005. pp374.

The Catholic Mass: Steps to Restore the Centrality of God in the Liturgy by Athanasius Schneider. Translated by Diane Montagna. Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press. 2021. pp300.

LITURGICAL & CEREMONIAL

The Mass: A Liturgical Commentary by A. Croegaert. Translated by J. Holland Smith. London: Burns & Oates. 2 vols: I – The Mass of Catechumens. 1958. pp251; II – The Mass of the Faithful. 1959. pp311.

The Mass: A Study of the Roman Liturgy by Adrian Fortescue. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1912. pp432.

The Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described by Adrian Fortescue & J. O’Connell. London: Burns, Oates, & Washbourne. 1943. pp430. New edition with Alcuin Reid published in Farnborough: St Michael’s Abbey Press. 2003. pp493.

Teaching Truth by Signs and Ceremonies: The Church, its Rites and Services Explained for the People by James L. Meagher. New York: Russell Brothers. 1883. pp295.

The Celebration of Mass: A Study of the Rubrics of the Roman Missal by J. O’Connell. London: Burns, Oates, & Washbourne. 1942. 2 vols. pp283 & 244 respectively. Also published in a single volume with pp698.

Seasons of Grace: New Meditations for Sundays and Feast Days by Pius Parsch. Translated by H.E. Winstone. New York: Herder & Herder. 1963. pp369.