

PARISH LIBRARY

We have many wonderful books in our Parish Library. Please visit and see if there is something which interests you. We have an index by title and subject to simplify your search.

The library is in the Parish Office and is open:

Tues. 10:30AM to Noon

Sat. 4PM to 5PM

Sun. 10AM to Noon

8/24/08

In order to understand and appreciate the Bible properly we must start before the Bible, before the Jews, and before Abraham states Thomas Cahill in his book **The Gifts Of The Jews.** Cahill takes us on a journey from ancient Mesopotamia, more than five millennia ago, through time, to illustrate how a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everyone thinks and feels. Cahill's writing is so descriptive that it almost seems like watching a movie. He moves us through the time of the worshiping of many Gods and human sacrifices to the stories of Genesis, the first book in the Bible and the worship of the One God. We read again the story of Abraham and his family, slavery in Egypt, the Jews escape, of Moses and the Ten Commandments and other stories in the Old Testament. . It's a book well worth reading. It is located in the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, section of the S. C. Library.

8/17/08

We often think of miracles as being something that can only happen to special people with special abilities. Charles E. Selliers, writer, film, and TV producer, in his book, *Miracles And Other Wonders* states that miracles really happen to ordinary people doing ordinary things. Selliers tells of his own personal miracle and how two lives were saved in the book's first chapter titled 'Mountain Miracle'. *Miracles And Other Wonders* has been divided into five parts: *Miracles That Saves Lives, In Search of Self and Selflessness, The Miracle of Family, Miracles of Transcendent Love, and Religion and Miracles.* The author writes 'Though unexplainable forces touch our lives, we should not consider them unnatural. They are a wonderful ingredient in the magnificent mystery we, as human beings are all a part of, and they are surprisingly common.' We as Catholics know that this wonderful ingredient is the Holy Spirit. You will find this book on the 'Spirituality' shelf of the St. Clare Library

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No Greater Love by Mother Teresa is the intimate reflections of the little nun who dedicated her life to serving the poor of Calcutta, India. Mother Teresa lived her life loving God and his people, especially the poor. In '*No Greater Love*', Mother Teresa writes, 'God loves the world. He loves the world so much that He gives you and me His love, His compassion, and His presence, through a life of prayer, of sacrifice, of surrender to God. He wants us to love Jesus, to live His life in us, and to live our lives in His.' Through

Mother Teresa's book she teaches us how to pray, and how to live lives that truly demonstrate our love for God. Her experience among the poor taught her that it was easier to help the poor who need food, clothing and a place to live than it is to help the spiritually poor. Her book is spiritually enriching. Although not yet a saint, I believe she is the angel of our life time. You can find 'No Greater Love' in the Lives of Saints and Angels section of our Library.

7/27/08

Amazing Grace, the title of the beautiful hymn, is also the title of a movie, TV show, and several books. Steve Turner's 'Amazing Grace' is the biography of John Newton and his lyrics to 'Amazing Grace' the song. Using Newton's journals, diaries, ship logs, church registers, sermon notes, and other researched documents, Taylor reconstructs Newton's life. He tells his life story from childhood to his involvement in slave trading, life saving divine intervention, his journey to Christianity, and eventual support of England's slavery abolition bill signed by the King in 1807. Through out the book verses of Amazing Grace associated with events, in Newton's life, are incorporated in the biography. The second half of the book is devoted to the hymn's journey through time and it's changes in rendition, and popularity. Steve Turner's 'Amazing Grace' is an interesting story about a man and his song.

7/20/08

Desire of The Everlasting Hills - The World Before and After Jesus by Thomas Cahill, provides the reader with a better understanding of the world into which Jesus of Nazareth lived and died. Cahill describes the political presence of the of the Romans, the Cultural Greek influence, along with the varied social, and religious practices of Judaism at the time of Jesus' birth. According to the author, "These backgrounds are essential to a complete understanding of Jesus". Cahill, a lifelong scholar of theology, history, Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, brings to life a Jesus who was kind, intelligent, humorous, but at times sharp tongued. This book is enlightening and further strengthens our faith. 'Desire of the Everlasting Hills' can be found in the 'History section' of the Library.

7/13/08

We have several new additions to our library. One is "The Story Of Ruth—Twelve Moments In Every Woman's Life" by Joan D. Chittister with beautiful illustrations by John A. Swanson. Based on the biblical story of Ruth and Naomi, it is a timeless and beautiful story which takes the reader through twelve defining moments in every women's life. Moments of loss, change, transformation, aging, independence, respect, recognition, insight, empowerment, self definition, invisibility, and fulfillment. In the authors words, "the biblical women, Ruth and Naomi, are simply metaphors, models of all women of the world who push and prod and guide and give support to the rest of us through all the trying moments of life, however momentous, however mundane". The Story Of Ruth is a small book with a big message. You won't regret reading it.

Here are some books and CDs that Deacon Carl recommends:

CD – Mel Barror - 24 Teachings given at our Parish on Catholic Beliefs and Practices

CD – Fr. Richard Parks – Talks at St. Clare Parish Missions for 2005 and 2006

Catholic Children's Bible – book for teaching children - with pictures and teachings on our faith

Lamb's Supper – by Scott Hahn on the Mass and it's symbolism

Search and Rescue – by Patrick Madrid - on how to bring a Catholic back to Church

Vocations CDs (30 minutes each) – award winning CDs - produced by Knights of Columbus

Fishers of Men (Priestly Life)

The Vocation to the Priesthood

The Vocation to the Religious Life for Women

The Vocation to Marriage

When Bad Things Happen to Good People – by Harold Kushner – helps us understand tragedies in our life

Pope's Visit to the U.S. in April, 2008 – text of his talks

