15 Selections for Lent and Approaching Easter --

READING, VIEWING, LISTENING, REFLECTING: RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

- Teresa Kaiser, ***Arthur the Clumsy Altar Server Plans the Perfect Lent***, illustrated by Mike Schwalm, OSV Publications. OSVCatholicBookstore.com, $17.95**.**

- Claudia Cangilla McAdam, ***The Wordless Weaver***, illustrated by Caroline Baker Mazure, OSV Publications. OSVCatholicBookstore.com, $16.95.
  "It's just before Passover, and Shira, a young weaver known for her talents across Jerusalem, wants to do something special for the Lord Yeshua. She wishes she could join the crowd in singing and praising Yeshua as he rides into her city on a humble beast of burden. However, she is mute, unable to speak.

  "Instead, Shira offers the work of her hands and presents an incredible gift that is more marvelous than anyone could ever have imagined. And through her good deed, Shira receives a life-changing gift."

- ***OSV Kids Stations of the Cross*****,** OSV Publications, OSVCatholicbookstore.com, $5.95 (for younger children)

- Julianne M. Will, ***Stations of the Cross for Childre****n*, illustrated by Patricia Mattozzi, OSV Publications. OSVCatholicBookstore.com, $4.95 (for ages 6-12)

- Bethan James and Amy Welborn, ***Riding on a Donkey***, Ascension Press. Ascensionpress.com. $17.99 (for ages 3-7)

- A.G. Sertillanges, ***What Jesus Saw from the Cross***, Sophia Institute Press. SophiaInstitute.com, $18.95.
  "Read it slowly and prayerfully. The vivid details and the gripping narrative will soon take over: you'll find yourself engaged in a personal retreat, an interior pilgrimage, and a profound meditation on the love and sufferings of Jesus on the Cross."

- Vinita Hampton Wright*,* ***Set the World on Fire: A 4-Week Personal Retreat with the Female Doctors of the Church***, Ave Maria Press. avemariapress.com, $18.95.
  Awarded an honorable mention for classical spirituality by the Catholic Media Association.
  "Only four women in the two thousand-year history of the Church—Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, and Hildegard of Bingen—have the distinction of being named Doctors of the Church because of their impact on the faith.

  "Each week offers a unique and in-depth experience of the saint and her unique gifts to the Church…"

- Christopher S. Collins, S.J., ***5 Ignatian Tools for Clearing Your Mind and Resting Daily in the Lord***. Ave Maria Press. avemariapress.com, $3.00, reduced from $14.95.
  Awarded second place for classical spirituality by the Catholic Media Association.

- Bishop Robert Barron, ***Renewing Our Hope: Essays for the New Evangelization***, Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. bookstore.wordonfire.org, $19.95.
  "In a time of discouragement, how can the Church renew itself and its outreach to all people? Bishop Robert Barron insists that a 'dumbed down' Catholicism cannot succeed in today's highly educated society—instead, the Church needs to draw upon its great theological heritage in order to renew its hope in Christ…"

- Richard Rohr, ***Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent***. Franciscan Media. Shop.franciscanmedia.org., $16.99.
  "A daily devotional guide for your Lenten journey!

  "… Father Rohr begins each meditation with a single title or phrase that sums up the point. Then he offers the meditation followed by key passages from the readings. He ends each meditation with a Starter Prayer that invites you to self-disclosure and to enter the wondrous divine dialogue with clarity, insight—and holy desire!"
  Also in Spanish.

- Joseph F. Girzone, ***Stories of Jesus: 40 Days of Prayer and Reflection***, Franciscan Media. Shop.franciscanmedia.org, $12.99.
  "Stories of Jesus provides a portrait of Our Lord in a day-by-day reflection format, based on the Gospel accounts of his life and teachings. Through these reflections, the author of the *Joshua* books introduces Jesus and his adult ministry—from his baptism by John the Baptist through his public life and work, to his death and resurrection—pausing along the way to focus on the important people and events of Jesus's world. This creative approach to the life of Jesus will inspire a sense of God's Son as someone who is a constant companion as we walk through our own lives, one who understands, guides, and loves us with deep affection."
  Also suitable for Eucharistic Adoration reading and reflection.

- Susan De Bartoli, ***Carry the Cross with Padre Pio***. Introduction by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. Ave Maria Press. Avemariapress.com, $16.95.
  "In this Lenten devotional, let Padre Pio guide you through the profound mysteries of the faith, sharing his unique 'way of the Cross' as a spiritual father, warrior, and beloved son of God."

- Gloriae Dei Cantores, ***Make His Praise Glorious: Adler, Ives, Hovhaness, Pinkham, Nelson, Starer, Hanson, Thompson***. Paraclete Press. paracletepress.com, $16.99
  CD, a collection of 20th century sacred choral music, recorded at the Church of the Transfiguration in Orleans, Massachusetts.

- Monastic Choir of St. Peter's Abbey of Solesmes, ***Easter with Solesmes Set***, Paraclete Press. paracletepress.com, $28.99.
  2 Gregorian Chant CDs for Easter and Eastertide.

- ***Risen***, DVD. Available through Ignatius Press. Ignatius.com, $14.95.
  "Risen is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. Rated PG-13 for biblical violence including some disturbing images."

PLUS, For Pre-Order:
Emily Jaminet, Tracy L. Christenson, ***Saints of the Sacred Heart***, Sophia Institute Press. Sophiainstitute.com, $17.95, available on May 20, 2025.
… "With engaging stories perfect for young readers or family read-aloud time, kids will meet saints like St. Martin de Porres, who cared for the poor, and St. Frances Cabrini, who worked tirelessly for children far from home. Whether it's for bedtime, a family novena, or Sunday school, this book is a joyful way to bring Jesus' Sacred Heart into your child's heart and your home!"