

ACTS Reading and Resources

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Congratulations and praise God! If you're like most of us, the Holy Spirit has reached you through this retreat and inspired you to make positive changes in your life that will bring you even closer to Him.

So what do you do now with all this spiritual momentum?

From "On the Other Side of the River", by P.J King:

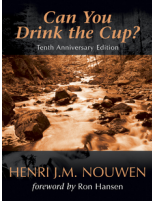
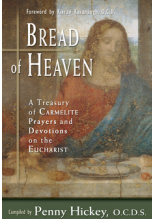
"It's been easier to connect with the Lord on this holy ground without the daily responsibilities and the personal trials we face everyday. Heading home to family, friends, and work is welcome on one hand. On the other, it's going to be a challenge... A great gift of our Catholic faith is the smorgasbord of choices in how we pray, serve, and know in a very personal way our God."

The following books and resources can provide new and continuing information, examples, and inspiration.

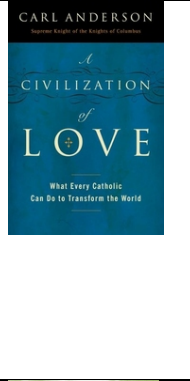
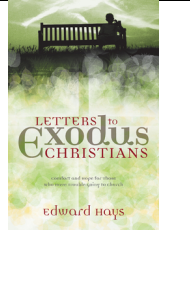
Recommended Reading

On your retreat, you were provided with a Holy Bible, Gold Book of Prayers, and other important books of our faith. Here are a few additional publications to help guide your faith journey:

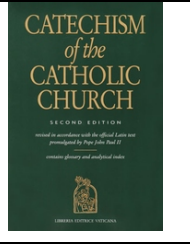
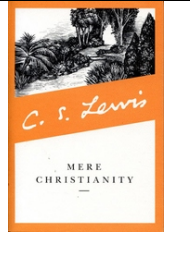
Books on Adoration:

	<p>Can You Drink the Cup? Foreword by: Ron Hansen Author: Henri J. M. Nouwen ISBN: 978-1-59471-099-5</p>	<p>Exploring the deep spiritual impact of the question Jesus asked his friends James and John, Nouwen reflects upon the metaphor of the cup, using the images of holding, lifting, and drinking to articulate the basics of the spiritual life.</p>
	<p>Bread of Heaven A Treasury of Carmelite Prayers and Devotions on the Eucharist Edited by: Penny Hickey, O.C.D.S. ISBN: 978-0-87061-239-8</p>	<p>Voices from the long, rich Carmelite tradition—from Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross to Edith Stein and Jessica Powers—proclaim their profound love and adoration of the Eucharist.</p>

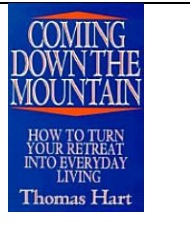
Books on Community:

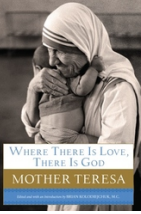
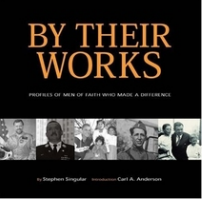
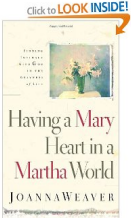
	<p>A Civilization of Love - What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World Author: Carl Anderson ISBN: 9780061335310</p>	<p>Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, surveys the exciting and history-changing ideas of Pope John Paul II in A Civilization of Love. By popularizing not only John Paul's vision but also that of his successor, Benedict XVI, Anderson hopes to inspire Christians to work toward creating a civilization of love. In such a civilization every person is a child of God. We are all intrinsically valuable.</p>
	<p>Letters to Exodus Christians Comfort and Hope for Those Who Have Trouble Going to Church Author: Edward M. Hays ISBN: 978-0-939516-82-7 Imprint: Forest of Peace</p>	<p>These letters offer compassion, spiritual guidance, and good reason to hope for these "Exodus Christians" and for those who provide them pastoral care. The author reminds his readers that being a faithful disciple of Christ means much more than going to church every Sunday and challenges them to live the gospel every day of the week.</p>

Books on Theology:

	<p>Catechism of the Catholic Church - OSV ISBN: 9781574551099</p>	<p>The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents "an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine, as regards both faith and morals. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church's Magisterium.</p>
	<p>Mere Christianity Author: C.S. Lewis ISBN: 9780060652920</p>	<p>Lewis, Oxford professor, scholar, author, and Christian apologist, employs logical arguments that are eloquently expressed. He describes those doctrines that four major Christian denominations would have in common, e.g., original sin, the transcendent Creator God, and the divinity of Jesus as well as His atonement and bodily resurrection.</p>

Books on Service:

	<p>Coming Down the Mountain: How to Turn Your Retreat Into Everyday Living By Thomas N. Hart ISBN 0809129655</p>	<p>A unique follow-up guide for people who have recently completed a retreat, including a daily reflection on some aspect of Christian living, a scripture passage for prayer, and a suggestion for Christian action for a six-week period of time.</p>
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	<p>Where There Is Love, There Is God Author: Mother Teresa ISBN: 978038553178</p>	<p>Love is perhaps the word that best summarizes Mother Teresa's life and message. She was called to be a missionary of charity, a carrier of God's love to each person she met, especially those most in need. Through the practical and timely advice she offers, Mother Teresa sets us on the path to closer union with God and greater love for our brothers and sisters.</p>
	<p>By Their Works - Profiles of Men of Faith Author: Stephen Singular ISBN: 97800611614</p>	<p>By Their Works profiles many well-known Knights of Columbus including Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and Gov. Al Smith. But it also includes many less well known Knights, such as Lt. Daniel O'Callaghan, a New York City fireman who died trying to rescue others on 9/11; six priests, Knights and saints of the Catholic Church, who were martyred in Mexico during the Cristeros rebellion of the 1920s.</p>
	<p>Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy With God in the Busyness of Life Author: Joanna Weaver ISBN: 1578562589</p>	<p>Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. With her fresh approach to the familiar Bible story and its creative, practical strategies, Joanna shows how all of us-Marys and Marthas alike-can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy.</p>

Media Resources

The following periodical resources and Websites offer everything from formal catechesis and theology, to current events and public policy, to thoughtful reflection and personal stories of service and faith:

Periodicals (subscription information available via Google search):

- Magnificat: a daily liturgical book of reflection and prayer
- Today's Catholic: a weekly catholic news bulletin for the San Antonio Archdiocese
- Catholic Digest: a national monthly lifestyle magazine for catholic living
- Our Sunday Visitor: a national weekly catholic newspaper
- Commonweal: a national journal of opinion, culture, and humor edited by lay Catholics
- First Things: a journal of religion and culture established by Fr. John R. Neuhaus

Catholic Church and Conferences Websites

- Holy Spirit ACTS Website: <http://holyspiritacts.yolasite.com/>
 - Online Resources for Holy Spirit ACTS Community
 - Retreat Calendar
 - Opportunities for Service
 - Prayer Wall
 - Contact Us
- Holy Spirit Church: <http://www.holyspiritsa.com/home.aspx>
 - Parish and school website
 - Mass schedule, sacraments, Sunday bulletins
 - Evangelization, faith formation, Christian service
 - Contact info for volunteers
- Archdiocese of San Antonio: <http://www.archsa.org/>
 - Messages from Archbishop Gustavo
 - Find a Parish
 - Interfaith activities
 - CYO, Catholic Television, community resources
- US Catholic Conference of Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/>
 - Church documents, catechism, Bible verse search
 - National issues, social justice, Pro Life
 - Evangelization, ministries, outreach
 - Movie reviews, marriage & family

TV and Radio:

- EWTN: Worldwide Catholic programming:
 - TV – San Antonio:
 - TimeWarner Digital Channel 295
 - AT&T Uverse Channel 562
 - Grande Communications Digital Channel 191
 - Radio – San Antonio
 - KJMA 89.7FM (Guadalupe Radio Network)
- K-LOVE: Christian contemporary music:
 - Radio – San Antonio
 - KZLV 91.3