

Resources on the Catholic Faith

Here are some resources to help you in your journey.

Our Faith

1. *The Baltimore Catechism* (no. 2): this is a basic introduction to the faith.
2. *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*: a summary of the *Catechism*.
3. *Handbook for Today's Catholic*, by Ligouri Publications run by the Redemptorists.
4. *Why God? Why Jesus? Why the Catholic Church?*, by Dr. John-Mark L. Miravalle.
5. *Why We are Catholic*, by Trent Horn: a great introduction to Catholicism.
6. "The Search," by Chris Stefanick: a video series that asks the questions: "Why are we here? What's life all about? What happens when we die?" <https://www.thesearchbegins.org>

Faith in the Early Church & Apologetics

7. *The Fathers of the Church*, by Mike Aquilina: on the early Church saints and their writings.
8. *The Mass of the Early Christians*, by Mike Aquilina: the Catholic Mass in the early Church.
9. Joe Heschmeyer: Podcast called "Shameless Popery," *The Early Church was the Catholic Church*, and *Eucharist is Really Jesus*.

Conversion Stories

10. *Rome Sweet Home*, by Dr. Scott Hahn. He is a convert and anything from him is fantastic.
11. *Stunned by Scripture: How the Bible Made Me Catholic*, by Dr. John Bergsma. He is a convert, and anything he writes is great.

Scripture

12. *Bible Basics for Catholics*, by Dr. John Bergsma.
13. *New Testament Basics for Catholics*, by Dr. John Bergsma.
14. *Psalm Basics for Catholics*, by Dr. John Bergsma.

Various Topics

15. *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*, by Dr. Brant Pitre. Anything from him is great.
16. *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, by Dr. Brant Pitre.
17. *Time for God*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe: a great introduction to prayer.

Media

18. Anything from Fr. Mike Schmitz and his group called "Ascension Press." He does a great job of explaining the faith: <https://media.ascensionpress.com>.
19. Fr. Mike Schmitz also has two podcasts: *The Bible in a Year* and *The Catechism in a Year*.
20. Catholic Answers: <https://www.catholic.com/>.
21. Catholic Encyclopedia: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>.
22. Catholic Apps: *Amen, Ascension, Hallow, Laudate*.
23. FORMED: basically "Catholic Netflix." (This is free. Just sign up and use our parish name.)
24. Matt Fradd: Podcast "Pints with Aquinas."