The Holy Eucharist: Theological reflection upon the Eucharist is dominated by two paradigms: One approach interprets the Eucharist almost exclusively in theological terms, shaped by Scholasticism and the Reformation. Most discussions about the nature of the Eucharist, Eucharistic presence or the role of the priest follow these categories, even if they come in modern disguise. The other reads the Eucharist as an event which can be explored empirically. O’Loughlin develops a new understanding of the Eucharist. This can be done by looking afresh at the historical evidence and bringing it in dialogue with modern theology. In the past thirty years, historical research and new discoveries have changed our view of the origins and the development of the Eucharist. By bringing history into a fruitful dialogue with sacramental and liturgical theology, he shows not only ways how theology and practice can be brought closer together again, but also how current eumemiaical divisions can be overcome. His book makes an important contribution to eucharistic theology, both for individual church traditions as well as for eumecenical dialogues.

Prayers of the Eucharist: This collection of prayers was compiled to introduce the reader who has little knowledge of Greek or Latin or foreign modern languages to the treasures of Church worship. The prayers collected provide a textured picture of Christian worship in its simplest and purest form (springtime of the liturgy).

Rite of Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass: The first major study of the to the Eucharist that divided Western Christendom in the sixteenth century.

A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist: Written by a spiritual master this is an important Lent title that examines what it means to celebrate the Eucharist, and in turn reminds us of our capacity for love, hope and faith.

We Share in the Eucharist: Unlike liturgical manuals that are intended specifically for the use of parish clergy, The Ceremonies of the Eucharist is for everyone who bears responsibility for the planning and conduct of public worship.

The Celebration of Eucharist: Eucharist: Eucharistic liturgy has differed through the centuries and in different Churches. Because of these differences, it is essential that eucharistic liturgy be studied from a historical perspective. In The Celebration of the Eucharist, Enrico Maizza offers a thorough account of the theology of the Eucharist and presents a historical analysis of the origin and variety of eucharistic liturgies and their development in the Church. Beginning with the Last Supper, Father Maizza weaves his way through interpretations elaborated by the Fathers of the Church and medieval writers to provide the rich tapestry of concepts and categories adopted by Vatican Council II. Complete with an appendix including Jewish texts and early Eucharistic Prayers, abbreviations, bibliography, and notes, The Celebration of the Eucharist is a comprehensive source for those who have an interest in the theology of the Eucharist in the course of history. Chapters are Old Testament Sacrifices and Ritual Meal, “The Origin of the Christian Eucharist,” “From the Jewish Liturgy to the Christian Eucharist,” “Primitive Anaphoras: From the Didache to the Mystical Eucharist,” “Primitive Anaphoras: Developments of the Eucharistic Liturgy,” “Thematic Developments in the Eucharistic Liturgy,” “The Early Patristic Period,” “The Fourth Century,” “The Early Middle Ages,” “The Scholastic High Middle Ages,” “The Eucharist and the Relics of the Saints,” “The Reformation and the Council of Trent,” “The Liturgical Reform of Vatican Council II,” “The Implementation of the Liturgical Reform,” “The Parts of the Eucharistic Prayer,” and “The Last Supper and the Church’s Eucharist.” Enrico Maizza is professor of liturgical history at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. He is the author of Mystagogy: A Theology of Liturgy in the Patristic Ages, Eucharistic Prayers of the Roman Rite, and The Origins of the Eucharistic Prayer published by The Liturgical Press.

The Early Eucharist: This collection of essays covers fundamental aspects of the Eucharist, from the Biblical notion of ‘memorial’ to the issues of communion and the relationship between the Eucharist and the Church. The chapters give evidence of increasing theological convergence in the thinking of contemporary Eastern and Western theologians on the Eucharist. This consensus is the result of developments in Biblical studies, our increasing knowledge of the Fathers, and the findings of liturgical studies and the historical study of the Church’s liturgy in the East and the West.” [Back cover].


Eucharist: Are you ready to read Lord of the Rings like you never have before? Perhaps: J. R. R. Tolkien can’t be fully understood apart from his Catholic identity and his devotion to the Eucharist. Are you ready to read Lord of the Rings like you never have before?
but briefly, expounding themes and answering difficulties in everyday commonsense language. It lifts the heart and enriches the mind.” —From book cover.

Eucharist: In recent years, Christians everywhere are rediscovering the Jewish roots of their faith. Every year at Easter time, many believers now celebrate Passover meals (known as Seders) seeking to understand exactly what happened at Jesus’ final Passover, the night before he was crucified. Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and ancient Judaism, Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah? What was Jesus’ purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, “This is my body… This is my blood”? To answer these questions, Pitre explores ancient Jewish beliefs about the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, and the mysterious Bread of the Presence. As he shows, these three keys—the Passover, the Manna, and the Bread of the Presence—have the power to unlock the original meaning of the Eucharistic words of Jesus. Along the way, Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Inspiring and informative, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus’ presence in “the breaking of the bread.” —From the Hardcover edition.

Material Eucharist: The Eucharist - Sacrament of Unity sets out the teaching of the Church of England, within the Anglican Communion, on the Eucharist. It discusses the following questions: Why is it so important? How is Christ present? Is the Eucharist a sacrifice in any sense? Why do Anglicans offer eucharistic hospitality to members of other churches and expect to receive it from them? In 1998 the Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland issued One Body, One Bread, One Body and invited ecumenical responses. In this courteous, but robust reply, the House of Bishops shows that the Church of England upholds the faith of the Church concerning the Eucharist and justifies eucharistic sharing.

Lord of the Rings and the Eucharist: Material Eucharist interprets the Eucharist through its material elements of bread and wine. Drawing upon a rich variety of biblical, patristic, medieval, and modern texts and traditions, Dan Pisera brings together theological reflection and liturgical action and shows their mutual dependence. For both theologians and liturgists, a central concern is the matter out of which the created order has been made, from which issues of community and social justice are inseparable. The ingredients of bread and wine anticipate, in their harvesting and manufacture, the formal church liturgy, which is extended back into the world by the transformative priestly action of laypeople. Indeed, the transforming presence of Christ in the Eucharist is flesh and substance is theologically grounded in his transformative presence in the wider created order, as expressed in eucharistic giving and exchange between churches and their wider communities. Rooting the Eucharist in materiality suggests its primary context to be the death and resurrection of Christ in the power of the Spirit, in which its recipients may share. The many aspects of theology and liturgy with which the book deals have large implications for how the Eucharist is understood in a range of academic disciplines, and for how it is celebrated in churches today.

The Eucharist in the Reformation: The Second Vatican Council says, “We ought to try to discover a new reverence for the Eucharistic mystery. Something is happening that is greater than anything we can do. The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is the font from which all her power flows.” This profound statement about the Eucharist stands at the center of this book by Cardinal Ratzinger. He compellingly shows us the biblical, historical, and theological dimensions of the Eucharist. The Cardinal draws far-reaching conclusions, focusing on the importance of one’s personal devotion to and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for the personal reception of Communion by the individual Christian, as well as for the life of the Church. For Ratzinger, any transformation of the world on the social plane grows out of the celebration of the Eucharist. He beautifully illustrates how the omnipotent God comes intimately close to us in the Holy Eucharist, the Heart of Life.

Primary Readings on the Eucharist: A paperback edition of Miri Rubin’s highly successful study of the meaning of the eucharist, c. 1150-1500.

The Eucharist: The crowning achievement of Fr. Schmemann’s work, reflecting his entire life experience as well as his thoughts on the Divine Liturgy.

God Is Near Us: “This short study of the eucharist in the New Testament has two parts. The first seeks to uncover the origins of the Eucharist and to trace developments in the earliest Eucharistic practice and understanding. The second part investigates the Eucharistic theology of the individual New Testament writers.” —(from back cover)

The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion: * Glossary of liturgical terms and practices; graphics; bibliography; index of names * Reflection questions lead readers into the issues raised in each chapter

The Eucharist in the West: In this book, Cardinal Arinze emphasizes that the priest is ordained, first and foremost, to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass and other liturgical rites. The priest finds himself at the highest moment of his vocation when “in persona Christi” he celebrates the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Anglican Tradition

Rediscovering the Eucharist: In the light of its own history, the Catholic theology of the Eucharist, as it is generally understood today, is revealed as a splinter tradition whose deficiencies call for fundamental reformulation. The valid aspects of that theology (for example, the recovery of the role of the Holy Spirit in the new Roman Eucharistic Prayers) must be identified and integrated with the faith and practice of the first theological millennium when the lex orandi was not so dominated by the lex credendi. In the third theological millennium, more attention to the content and structure of the classical Eucharistic Prayers of both East and West will result in a Catholic systematic theology of eucharistic sacrifice that is not only truer to its biblical and patristic foundations but also - of ecumenical import - closer to some of the
Robert Sokolowski, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, has taught philosophy at The Catholic University of America since 1963. He has written six books and numerous articles dealing with phenomenology, philosophy and Christian faith, moral philosophy, and issues in contemporary science. He has been an auxiliary chaplain at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., since 1976 and was named monsignor in 1993.

Being Christian A master theologian and popular Catholic author offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. A festive as the film "Babette's Feast" and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the meanings of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

The Eucharist in the West The Eucharist is one of the central acts of worship for Christians—some would say the most important. Yet within the many traditions of Christianity there appears to be no united voice—even in an age like ours in which ecumenical agreements unthinkable until recently have sought convergence and achieved it. Anglicans have often been described as occupying a middle ground between Catholics and Protestants. They have been criticized for being woolly! In this well-presented and readable book, two scholars have set out to chart an Anglican course through the key areas of Eucharistic presence and sacrifice—how Jesus is present at the Supper and how the celebration relates to the self-offering of Christ. They quote many authors from different viewpoints over the past four hundred years including poetics. They tell a story that is rich and varied, and they make accessible to a fresh generation what it means to define, sift, probe, and discuss the meaning of the Holy Communion, yet still hold on to that vital aspect of all Christian believing and living—the mystery of Christ Himself.

The Basic Book of the Eucharist The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion explores the three ends of the Sacrament of the Altar: God's true presence, His redemptive sacrifice, and spiritual nourishment through communion with Him. In this follow-up to his groundbreaking work, Faith Comes From What Is Heard, Lawrence Feingold constructs a biblical vision of the Eucharist from its prefiguration in the Old Testament to its fulfillment in the New and presents the Eucharistic theology of the Church Fathers, St. Thomas Aquinas, and magisterial teaching from centuries past through today. The Eucharist is a masterful text, both challenging and spiritually rich, that comprehensively examines the unspeakable mystery that is the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Presence Msgr. Theodor Maae-Ewerd, professor of liturgiology in the theology faculty of the Catholic University of Eichstatt in Bavaria, has revised Die Messe, the monumental work on the Eucharist by the late Dr. Johannes H. Emmingham, professor of liturgiology and sacramental theology at the University of Vienna. Published as a revised edition in German in 1992, this is the second edition in English (the first edition had eight printings).

Do this in Remembrance of Me Cardinal Arinze, the greatly esteemed African churchman, a leading prelate of the Church, and head of a major Vatican Congregation elucidates the Church's teachings and belief about the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life, and the high point of her public worship. He presents these beautiful reflections on the Holy Eucharist as a sacrifice and sacrament, on the importance of faith in these sacred mysteries, and the necessity of reverence due to Christ present in this Eucharistic mystery.

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist In this insightful, interdisciplinary study, Robert Sokolowski uses the methods of phenomenology to examine Christian religious beliefs, particularly the sacrament of the Eucharist. In so doing, he comes to terms with many theological and cultural issues raised by modernity. Although the Eucharist is the center of focus, other issues in Christian faith are also examined, such as the Christian understanding of God, Creation, the Incarnation, Redemption, and biblical Revelation. Sokolowski employs a method that he calls "the theology of disclosure," which studies the structures of appearance and should be distinguished from both positive and scholastic theology. He takes appearances as objective disclosures, not as mere psychological events. When discussing the Eucharist, he shows how it uses the form of quotation and how it draws on various temporal dimensions of human existence as it reenacts the sacrifice of Christ before the eternal Father. The author also considers how Christian belief differs from other forms of religion and from modern atheism. By demonstrating how the Christian understanding of God differs from other ways of understanding the divine, he attempts to show that Christianity is not simply one religion among many but the truth of religion. These deeper themes are explored as necessary contexts for the Eucharist, which could not be properly understood except against the background of the Christian understanding of God as eternal and as Creator and Redeemer. The author provides a comprehensive theological treatment of major issues in Christian faith and does so with categories that are appropriate to our present intellectual and cultural world. This study, which draws upon the work of many classical and contemporary theologians, especially Hans Urs von Balthasar, contributes significantly to speculative theology and to Eucharistic studies. It will be of great use to theologians and philosophers, as well as to students of Christian philosophy and sacramental theology.
The Eucharist in the New Testament In the light of its own history, the Catholic theology of the Eucharist, as it is generally understood today, is revealed as a splinter tradition whose deficiencies call for fundamental reformulation. The valid aspects of that theology (for example, the recovery of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Roman Eucharistic Prayers) must be identified and integrated with the faith and practice of the first theological millennium when the lex orandi was not so dominated by the lex credendi. In the third theological millennium, more attention to the content and structure of the classical Eucharistic Prayers of both East and West will result in a Catholic systematic theology of eucharistic sacrifice that is not only truer to its biblical and patristic foundations but also - of ecumenical import - closer to some of the theological insights of the Protestant Reformers. These highlights of The Eucharist in the West illustrate the great value of this posthumous work. Conceptually complete, but in only rough draft form at the time of Father Kilmartin's death, it has been edited and prepared for publication by Robert J. Daly, SJ.

Chapter one describes the characteristics of the eucharistic theology of the Western Latin Fathers. Chapter two identifies the more important orientations and developments of the Catholic tradition from early medieval Scholasticism up to the first part of the twelfth century. Chapter three singles out the special contribution of early Scholasticism to Latin eucharistic theology. Chapter four functions as a bridge from early Scholasticism to high Scholasticism by outlining the general approach to a synthetic theology of the Eucharist which was obtained at the beginning of the thirteenth century. Chapter five treats eucharistic theology from high Scholasticism to the Council of Trent. Chapter six summarizes the dogmatic teaching of the Council of Trent. This is followed in Chapter seven, by a treatment of salient features of post-Tridentine Eucharistic theology. Chapter eight includes an analysis of the practice and theology of Mass stipends. Chapter nine includes a detailed analysis of Aquinas's theology of the eucharistic sacrifice. Chapter ten offers an account of some recent contributions to the formulation of a theology of the eucharistic sacrifice which have contributed to the modern average Roman Catholic synthesis. Robert J. Daly, SJ, is a professor of theology at Boston College and former editor of Theological Studies. Edward J. Kilmartin, SJ (1923-1994), professor for liturgical theology at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, taught theology first at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and later at Boston College. He served as director of the doctoral program in liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame.

7 Secrets of the Eucharist Bryan Spinks is one of the world’s leading scholars in the field of liturgy and to have a comprehensive work by him on the Eucharist is a major catch for SCM. Like the author’s previous work on Baptism, this will become a standard work about the Eucharist and Eucharistic theology worldwide. The book, a study of the history and theology of the Eucharist, is the fifth volume in the SCM Studies in Worship and Liturgy series and will help to establish the series as a place for landmark books of liturgical scholarship.

Eucharist An exploration of the complexities/perplexities raised by asking what is the Eucharist?

Transforming Your Life Through the Eucharist This book is envisioned as a follow up to Stookey’s successful Baptism: Christ’s Act in the Church, published in 1982. It will provide historical—Theological perspective in a style that is “populär,” rather than academically heavy; and, it will be ecumenical in scope, but with a concentration on Protestantism. The shared Calvinian eucharistic tradition of Presbyterians, UCC, and Methodists will be particularly explored. It will also provide material pertinent to preaching, study of the eucharist by laity, and practical local reform that implements recent revisions of denominational rites.

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist Eucharist is a detailed history of the Christian Eucharistic Formularies. Bouyer gives a thorough analysis of the Jewish meal prayers, the berakoth, to which he traces the origins of the eucharistic rite, and ends with the recent addition of new eucharistic prayers to the Roman rite. He also includes the history of the various forms of the early Christian liturgies, of the Byzantine, Gallican, and Mozarabic Eucharists, of the changes introduced during the Reformation, and of developments in the Anglican, Lutheran, and Reformed traditions.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

The Eucharist No matter how much or how little you already know about the Eucharist, the “secrets” revealed here will bring you to a new, personal “Emmaus” experience, again and again. Perfect for personal devotion, catechesis, study groups, book clubs, and theological study. The Seven Secrets of the Eucharist will rekindle the “Eucharistic amazement” called for by Pope John Paul II.

The Ceremonies of the Eucharist This innovative approach to the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation is built on the belief that children grow in faith best when their parents and the parish community accompany them on their faith journey. Each beautifully written and colorfully illustrated emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching and worship. They clearly and boldly invite children to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Each child’s book includes a 16-page “Family Guide” to help parents share with their children at home. A “Leader’s Guide” for catechists, DRES, and other parish leaders challenges adults of the parish to walk together with children and their families as they are initiated into the Christian life.

Corpus Christi Meet Jesus more fruitfully in the Eucharist. Fr. Lovasik helps you recognize Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, emphasizing Christ’s Sacrifice and showing how you can receive everything that God offers you in the Mass.

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The Eucharist: The Holy Eucharist has nourished the Faith of Catholics for centuries -- but it's all too easy to let routine dull your sense of the transforming power of this sacrament. This book will stir the embers of your love for the Eucharist into a bright glowing flame. In it, Fr. John A. Kane explores the selfless humility shown by Christ in His presence in the Eucharist, opening the way for you to receive greater spiritual fruit from worthier receptions of Communion and from adoration of Christ in the Eucharist. Y ou'll learn how the Eucharist is truly a sacrament of love — a sacrament that not only demonstrates Christ's love for you, but gives you the grace you need to love God and your neighbor with a fervor unquenched by passing changes in fortune or feelings. As Fr. Kane opens your eyes to how much God longs to be with you in the Eucharist — and how much he delights in you — you'll come to experience the Eucharist as that inexhaustible source of grace, peace, and comfort that He intends it to be for you. Discover from Fr. John Kane: Christ's silent and secret work in your soul: how you can aid Him in His work through the Eucharist Receiving Communion: how to make your communions dynamic encounters with Jesus Christ's Presence in the Eucharist: how it can nourish your soul even though it's beyond earthly understanding Two obstacles to gaining spiritual fruit from Communion: how to recognize and overcome them Why it's so important for you to spend time in thanksgiving after Communion And much more that will help you know Christ in the Eucharist and love Him more than ever! "Easily accessible to all — catechist, convert, priest, and laity. Fr. Kane shows us the mystery of the Eucharist in a thousand different ways." Fr. Romanus Cessario

The Eucharist in the New Testament and the Early Church: Essays from an ecumenical conference that promote a further convergence in our understanding of the Eucharist.

Why Go to Church? As presented in the New Testament, the Eucharist is a source of both inspiration and guidance today. In The Eucharist in the New Testament and the Early Church, Father LaVerdiere examines what the New Testament tells us about the Eucharist and how the Eucharist provides an important experiential and theological resource for the gospel stories of Jesus' life, ministry, passion and resurrection, as well as for the life and development of the Church. Father LaVerdiere illustrates how the origins of the Eucharist coincide with the origins of the Church. The development of the Eucharist reflects the development of the early Church, as well as its creative theological and pastoral reflection. Through the lens of the New Testament it views the beginnings of both Church and Eucharist when the risen Lord appeared to the disciples at meals soon after Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. He also looks beyond the New Testament and explores the ongoing development of Eucharistic theology and practice up to the mid-second century, ending with Justin Martyr, the first to describe the Eucharist to people who had no personal experience of it. Father LaVerdiere focuses on the Eucharist in relation to ecclesiology, Christology, and liturgy. He begins by reflecting on how Christians referred to the Eucharist before it had a name, how names for the Eucharist came to be and their importance, how the Eucharist was celebrated at the very beginning, how liturgical formulas came to be, how these formulas brought out the riches of the Eucharist, and how the Eucharist related to different pastoral situations. The concept of triunity, the assembly, the Eucharist, and the Church guides this study. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the assembly, the sacrament of the Church's life in the world. From the very beginning, there was no separating the three, nor are there separating references to the Eucharist from the letters, gospels, or other work in which the three appear. Here, Father LaVerdiere stresses that in order to know the Eucharist in the New Testament and the early Church, one has only to look at the composition and actual life of the Church. Thus, to know the Church, one has only to look at the way it celebrates the Eucharist. Since most of today's challenges concerning the Eucharist are similar to those experienced by the early Church, The Eucharist in the New Testament and the Early Church will be of great help to pastors, students, catechists and those in ministry, who want the celebration of the Eucharist to make a difference on the rest of Christian life in the Church. Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS, is the senior editor of Emmanuel magazine and an adjunct professor of New Testament studies at Catholic Theological Union and Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. He is author of Fundamentalism: A Pastoral Concern, A Church for All Peoples: Missionary Issues in a World Church, and Luke from the New Testament Message series published by The Liturgical Press.