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Liturgical Books

Particular Fields of Theology

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- [Moral](#)
- [Spirituality](#)
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Online Resources

- [CDF Sacramental Questions](#)
- [CDW Journal Notitiae](#)
- [Collection of Liturgical Sources](#)
 - Includes: CDW Notitiae Database, Cross-Reference for the Ordo Missae, etc
- [English Chant Settings](#)
- [English Missal Tones](#)
- [CMAA](#)
- [Ritus Servandus](#)
- [Vatican MCs Articles](#)
- [Missal Manuscript Scans](#)
- [Liturgical Manuals](#)
- [Liturgical Citation Abbreviations](#)
- [Scans of Liturgical Sources](#)
- [Studia Liturgica](#)
 - [Home of Etudes Liturgiques](#)
 - Has great links and bibliography
- [Experience of Worship](#)
 - Re-enactments of Medieval english liturgies.
- [Research Databases](#)
 - [Usarium: A Digital Library and Database for the Study of Latin Liturgical History in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period](#)
 - Database of extant manuscripts, tagged and indexed by rites and usage.
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- [Lectionary Database](#)
- [Lectionary Table](#)
- <http://www.ibisweb.it/liturgia/>
 - Text search tools
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 - Text search tools
- <http://www.cursus.org.uk/>
 - Search manuscripts by prayers
- Fathers: <https://mlat.uzh.ch/browser?path=/38>
- Fathers aligned with Lectionary: <http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerusonline/it/20.htm>
- Legal Text Search: <https://canonlaw.ninja/>
- <http://cantusindex.org/>
- <https://cantus.uwaterloo.ca/home/>
- [Latin Dictionary: THESAURVS LINGVAE LATINAE](#)
 - See TLL under the [Latin: Grammars and Dictionaries](#) for more details.
- Searchable Bibliography Database: <https://www.bibliographia-eucharistica.org/>

Journals

- [Antiphon](#)
 - <https://www.cuapress.org/journals/antiphon/>
 - Managed by CUA
- [Ecclesia Orans](#)
 - Managed by San Anselmo
- [Questions Liturgiques](#)
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 - Reflections on SC 25 years later.
- [Ecclesia de Eucharistia](#) by JP II
- [Redemptionis Sacramentum](#) by CDW
- [Regarding the Mention of the Divine Name of St. Joseph in the Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV](#)
- [Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy](#) by CDW
- [Varietates Legitimae](#)
- [Latest Guideline on Regional Modifications](#)
- [Guide for Largescale Celebrations](#) by CDW

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- [Biblioteca di Iniziazione alla Liturgia](#)
 - PUSC series of introductory texts
- Bibliotheca Ephemerides Liturgicae Subsidia
- Etudes Liturgiques
 - Liturgical studies
- [Monumenta studia instrumenta liturgica](#) (MSIL)
 - Critical Editions of current texts and other theology texts
- Monumenta liturgica Ecclesiae Tridentinae
 - Liturgical Sources from Trent (9th C - 13th C)
- [Collectio Monumenta Liturgica Concilii Tridentini](#) (MLCT)
 - Critical Editions of Tridentine texts
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