

Resources for Ministers to the Incarcerated

WEB SITE

The Sunday Web Site from the Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University (www.liturgy.slu.edu) is an excellent resource for those preparing services or Gospel reflections. The website has been in operation since December, 2001. It gives the minister the opportunity for personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday readings. The main site offers four entrances to the Spirituality of Sunday's Mass:

- (1) PRAYING TOWARD SUNDAY: Prayer to aid contemplation of the Sunday readings.
- (2) SPIRITUALITY FOR SUNDAY: Spirituality drawn from the Readings for the coming Sunday together with the Season of the Church year.
- (3) GET TO KNOW THE READINGS: Not homilies, but ideas on the readings and the culture they came out of. All new each week.
- (4) MUSIC OF SUNDAY'S MASS: Four to six carefully selected parishes throughout the country provide a listing of what music each of them has chosen for a Sunday.
- (5) INTERCESSIONS: Included are sample intercessions by Joe Milner of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church located on Saint Louis University's campus.

The site also offers twelve annotated links to other sites including **Daily Reflections**: Liturgical and other kinds of spirituality and **Sacred Space**: Guided daily prayer from Ireland that gives a daily prayer (not related to the Mass of the day) and interesting questions to ponder.

The information on this website has been very helpful for me in preparing the Eucharistic Prayer Service with the women that I do at the Cuyahoga County Jail every Wednesday.

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THE BOOK CORNER

Meet The Author: Margaret Silf is an internationally known spiritual writer and retreat leader. Her books include the highly acclaimed *Inner Compass*, *Wayfaring*, and *Close to the Heart*.

Margaret Silf's new book entitled ***The Gift of Prayer*** (BlueBridge, 2005) is a very compelling and readable book of meditations on prayer. The author explores poetically eight questions that challenge our thinking about the mystery of prayer: What is prayer? , Why would I pray?, Who am I praying to?, When can I pray?, Where shall I pray?, How can I pray?, and Does it work?. As one reviewer expressed, "this book resonates like a prayer bell: deep, true and inviting. It is an excellent resource for personal prayer or for group reflection. This book, as the others she has written, helps one to embrace the sacred in our everyday experiences.