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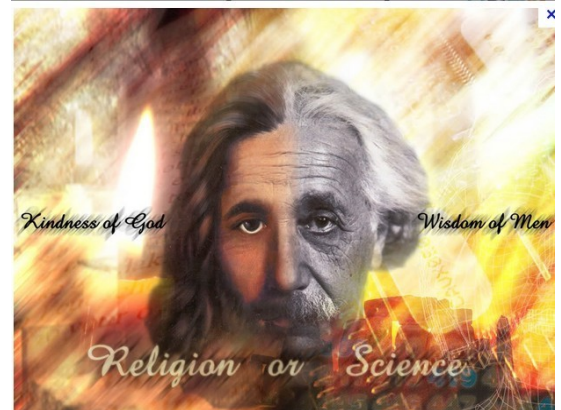
Historically, there have been occasions where science and religion have had an adversarial role. A famous example includes Copernicus, who theorized that the sun was the center of our universe, and Galileo, who studied and further advanced Copernicus' theory. At the time, the theory was revolutionary and some feared it was inconsistent with the bible. Now, we know that the earth revolves around the sun and it is not problematic to our religious beliefs.

In fact, there are many scientists who are people of faith. Two popes, Sylvester II (math and astronomy) and John XXI (medicine), were scientists. Roger Bacon (experimental science) was a Franciscan Friar. Gregor Mendel was a priest and is considered the father of genetics. Louis Pasteur, who developed germ theory, pasteurization and the rabies vaccine, prayed

the rosary every day. And not to leave out the women, Maria Gaetana Agnesi (mathematician and theologian) and Laura Bassi (physics), were women of faith and science.

In many school systems, the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum has become a popular framework to prepare a workforce to thrive and innovate in the modern world. In the *faith* based school systems, S.T.E.M. becomes S.T.R.E.A.M. with the addition of Religion and Art to the curriculum. Religion is not a separate subject in faith based education but is interwoven and integrated through all of the subjects. Including religion adds values and ethics to the discussion. For example, in a Catholic school, studies on the environment can include a discussion on Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. On Care For Our Common Home, about ecology, climate change and our need to care for the Earth. The STREAM curriculum can include all the innovation and rigor of STEM with Religion and Art adding to the understanding and holistic nature of the studies.

If you are looking for materials to help with studies of science and religion, MOSACK'S offers a Famous Catholic Scientists poster, a 19" x 27" laminated poster which includes information on 63 famous Catholic Scientists. The poster provides a paragraph on each scientist and picture if available. The information in the poster provides a good jumping off point for further research on each scientist. We also have the Scientia flash card and playing card game of science and faith. Bishop Robert Barron and other contemporary authors explore the challenges of religion in our culture.—see Book Reviews in this issue. Studying science can help deepen our appreciation and amazement of God's wonderful creation!



BOOK REVIEW: The Vibrant Paradoxes of Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron

This new collection of essays reveals the coming together of opposing elements that runs through the fabric of our faith. Bishop Robert Barron's Vibrant Paradoxes: The Both/And of Catholicism, draws us into the method represented by Aquinas, a world in which seemingly divergent impulses — including the ancient and the new — are held together in creative tension.

"Catholicism consistently celebrates the coming together of contraries," Bishop Barron writes in the introduction, using Chesterton's Orthodoxy as his starting point, "not in the manner of a bland compromise, but rather in such a way that the full energy of the opposing elements remains in place. ... Once you grasp this principle, you begin to see it everywhere in the great Catholic tradition. Grace and nature; faith and reason; Scripture and tradition; body and soul; God's immanence and God's transcendence: what the great *continued on page 7*

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SUMMER FUN

As part of your Summer Fun activities, think about spending some time away from your daily “busyness” to browse the selection that MOSACK’S Church Goods & Religious Gifts has to offer on our website www.mosacks.com or in our twelve room store. We are filled with an array of Christian focused books including non-fiction & fictional Christian reading materials, children’s books, coloring books for adults and children, puzzle books and more!



Our gift selection includes outdoor statues, garden flags, US and Military flags, wind-chimes and everything you need to spruce up your garden. Invite a friend to spend time with you in Mosack’s.



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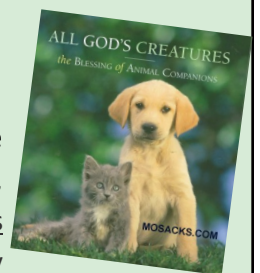
Summer is the time for outdoor picnics, family reunions, and parties in the park. Are you looking for some new recipes to add to the festivities? Why not check out MOSACK’S Cook Book Section? We have everything from vegan cook-



books, to Foods of the Bible. Terry Walter’s book, Clean Foods which offers more than 200 fresh, seasonal, and tempting vegan recipes. and shows how to eat seasonal, unprocessed, and locally-grown foods that are good for people and the environment. Cooking My Way to Heaven by Mary Ann Quinn is: “For anyone who may enjoy a peek inside the cloister and a taste of convent cuisine”. Filled with wit and humor she serves up a collection of recipes gleaned from her years in foodservice. Food At The Time Of The Bible by Miriam Feinberg provides a fresh look at food through the eyes of Scripture, new and deeper symbolic meanings behind various menus and food items from biblical times. As an added bonus, this book provides an exciting collection of biblically inspired, easy-to-prepare recipes for delicious dishes to share with family and friends.

Love Your Pet

Check out MOSACK’S Pet section this summer. We have Pet Medals, Blessings, Statues, Frames, Books, and more for your special furry friends. All God’s Creatures: The Blessing of Animal Companions by



Debra K. Farrington explores the spiritual aspects of owning and loving a pet. Farrington, a member of the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare, uses biblical passages and Christian teachings to send home a basic message - that aside from its basic needs, love is the most important gift you can give your animal companion. Many pages are devoted to special prayers and rituals involving animals, including materials for a St. Francis Day "Blessing of the Animals" service, a liturgy for "Covenanting with Animals" (when welcoming a new animal into the family) and a service to mark the death of a beloved animal companion.

INDEPENDENCE DAY!



Are you proud to be an American? Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, 2018, is a significant day for showing American pride. Mosack's offers a variety of American flags in various sizes, buntings, and mixed durable red, white and blue silk flower bouquets for display at home or in cemeteries. We offer daily Veterans discount of 10% of items selected to purchase. Let the flags proudly wave and pray for the country we love:

*Lord God Almighty, in whose Name
the founders of this country won liberty
for themselves and for us,
and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn:
Grant that we and all the people of this land
may have grace to maintain our liberties
in righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

(Source: 1979 Book of Common Prayer,

CELEBRATE WORKERS!

Monday, September 3, 2018 is Labor Day 2018! – a federal holiday since 1894. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations. Let MOSACK'S help you relax from your labors on Labor Day or show your appreciation to the dedicated workers known to you. We have books, profession cards, a variety of greeting cards, candles, jewelry, flags, and an assorted array of religious items to share with the workers who continue to contribute in making social and economic decisions within the workplaces in the United States.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 3rd



GRANDPARENT'S DAY—September 13th

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. Visit your grandparents, send a card, say a prayer and find a way to honor their love on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Loving God, You have given us the blessed gift of Grandparents. Thank you for the simple gifts they share: for embracing us with love us, for listening to our little problems and fixing them, for comforting our hurts and making us laugh, for the stories they tell.

We thank You God, for the generosity of our grandparents, for the special moments in life they never forget, and for the understanding of life they generously have shared with us.

Bless them and keep them safe. May their golden years be filled with the joys of family and treasured memories. Let them know our love and support each day. Amen.

Activities to celebrate Grandparent's Day:

- Make a scrapbook of a favorite memory that you share with your grandparents.
- Talk to your grandparents about what school was like when they were your age. What was their classroom like? How many were in the class? What did they like about school? What did they wear? have for lunch? How did they travel to school?
- Is your grandparent good at knitting, baking, golf, sewing, gardening, caring for pets? If so, ask them to teach you.
- Write a prayer or a poem for your grandparent to slip in the card you send. Include a photo of you and your grandparents!



WELCOME LITTLE ONES!

Baptism is the first sacrament a child receives; it opens the door to all other steps of faith. The cleansing waters of baptism bring rebirth as a Child of God and member of the Church. One passes from the death of sin into the new life in Christ; it's celebration should reflect the joy of resurrection!

Start your child on the path of faith with Baptismal Keepsakes from MOSACK'S. Choose from Baptismal Frames, Keepsake Jewelry, Rosaries, Crosses, Crib Medals, and more. Add some sparkle to Baby's room with a Glitterdome, Musical, Nightlight, or Bank. Remember Parents and Godparents with a mug, pin, or special framed photo of their child. [Today I Was Baptized](#) by Dianne Ahern tells a heartwarming story of an infant's baptism and includes short essays about the sacrament of baptism, its origin and traditions. There is also room to record the story of baptized baby's special day. Begin a library of faith books for your child that will last a lifetime!

BAPTISM PRAYER

***Welcome, precious little child.
So divine from God above.
Christened today in Jesus' name,
Held in His arms of love.
May angels guide your tiny feet
and bring you smiles to wear
and may our Heavenly Father
always keep you in His care***



CELEBRATE LIFE'S SPECIAL MOMENTS



Are you—or someone you know- celebrating a special anniversary? MOSACK'S carries cards and gifts for every occasion from the First Anniversary, through the 25th, 40th and 50th Anniversary. Collectible figurines and Cake Toppers from Willow Tree and Precious Moments, beautiful Frames, Crosses, and Candle Holders are perfect gifts for the couple. Cottage Garden Music Boxes play romantic melodies. Inspirational Books offer prayers and reflections on married life. Our helpful staff is happy to share ideas and find the perfect gift for your special anniversary.



Planning a Wedding? We've got you covered! MOSACK'S offers a variety of Unity Candles and holders to use during your ceremony. Beautiful Sculpted Candles can become part of the décor in your new home. Choose a Marriage program covers from our in-house selection and personalize it to fit your special day. Cake Toppers from Willow Tree and Precious Moments are always popular.

Need a special gift for your spouse? Consider a Bride and Groom matching Rosary set or a "Forever One" Bracelet from My Saint My Hero Jewelry. MOSACK'S also has Prayer Booklets for Wife or Husband and many inspirational books on marriage.

Looking for bridal party gifts? Choose from the many bracelets, crosses, crucifixes, necklaces, and earrings in our store. Sterling Silver, Pewter, Gold-filled, and 14 KT Gold pieces are always in stock. Our staff is happy to help with special orders. Keychains and Visor clips are popular for groomsmen.

Shopping for a happy couple? Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage with Wedding gifts for that special couple available at MOSACK'S. Whether you are searching for a beautiful frame, a unique music box, an inspirational figurine, or a wedding cross, MOSACK'S is the place. Most Wedding Gifts can be personalized with our engraving service. Family Bibles are a wonderful keepsake for the new couple—special pages are included to record the family tree and significant events. Many people chose a Fontanini Christmas Crib as a wedding gift. New figurines and accessories can be added to a basic set for each anniversary to come.

Whatever plans you make or gift you chose, let it be a way for the Bride and Groom to share their faith in Christ!

BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO TREASURE

Birthdays are great for making memories! In our house, it meant a special dinner, birthday cake, ice cream and peanuts. You got to pick out the color icing and help Mom frost the cake. Licking the bowl was a must!

Presents from Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters were sometimes homemade, often unique and always welcome. As we got a little older they might include a collectible angel figurine with the flower of the month or a cross necklace with your birthstone. Learning about the characteristics of the flower or birthstone quickly became part of the fun of celebrating *your* special day.



Rubies, the birthstone of July, are considered the king of gems and represent love, health and wisdom. It was believed wearing a fine red ruby bestowed good fortune on its owner. July Flowers are the larkspur, indicating strong bonds of love, and the water lily which signifies purity and majesty. Stop in and check out your month!



How were you named? Were you named after a relative? Does your name come from one of the saints or a biblical figure? Maybe there is a special city or place connected to your name. Do some investigating and find out—you might be surprised!

Names to Remember Cards are best sellers at MOSACK'S. Every name is special and every

name has a meaning. Cards feature colorful photographic backgrounds with the name at the top, a short descriptive meaning, and a scripture passage below. ANY and EVERY Name is available! The most popular ones are in-stock, but any spelling can be special ordered. Popular acrylic giftware accessories enable customers to display their name in a keychain or desktop plaque.

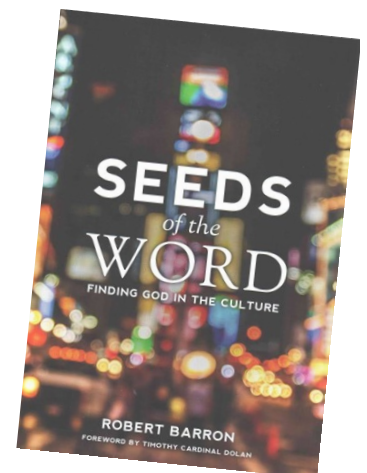
Character Plus wooden plaques are a bit larger if you are looking for something to hang on the wall. These plaques feature the name with it's unique meaning and can be customized to include a scripture.

If you were named for a particular saint or biblical figure, Bi-Fold Cards will tell you all about your patron and include a prayer for guidance. Many saints are associated with different professions, nationalities or miraculous charisms. Once you discover the specialness of your name, you may want to select a medal or bracelet to remind you of your own unique qualities!

INTRODUCING BISHOP BARRON'S NEWEST BOOK : SEEDS OF THE

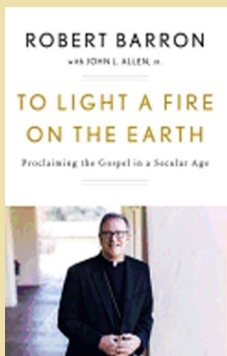
Want to better share your faith with non-Catholic family and friends? Then you'll be excited to learn about Bishop Robert Barron's newest book, Seeds of the Word: Finding God in the Culture. Featuring over 80 essays by Fr. Barron, and a foreword by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the book teaches you how to detect "Seeds of the Word" in today's most popular films, books, and current events and use them as springboards to evangelization.

Since the first century, Christians have detected "Seeds of the Word" in the surrounding culture. No matter how charred or distorted the fragments, we can always uncover inklings of the Gospel, which can then lead people to God. Through this evocative collection of essays, Father Robert Barron finds those "seeds" in today's most popular films, books, and current events. How do Superman, Gran Torino, and The Hobbit illuminate the figure of Jesus? How does Bob Dylan convey the prophetic overtones of Jeremiah and Isaiah? Where can we detect the ripple of original sin in politics, sports, and the Internet culture? Finding the "seeds of the Word" requires a new vision. This book will train you to see.



Book Review: [To Light a Fire on the Earth](#) by Bishop Robert Barron

Ask almost any Catholic with Internet access who Bishop Robert Barron is, and you may receive a response like this: *Oh! He does the Word on Fire YouTube videos!* For the bookworm, his hit book *Catholicism* lingers in the back of a faithful mind. Walk into a Catholic book store, and odds are, you'll see a supplemental resource written by Bishop Barron.



In *To Light a Fire on the Earth*, John L. Allen Jr. partners with Bishop Barron to bring the story of the Gospel to our secular world. Those who are looking for a sentimental reflection on the Catholic faith will be disappointed. Rather, Bishop Barron tackles the growing secularism in our society, and combats it with the hard truths and promises of Catholicism.

For example, Barron states that while the Catholic Church is “extreme in its demand...it’s also extreme in its mercy.” As a result, Barron argues that we should not succumb to what he labels “beige Catholicism” that is plain and watered-down. He recalls a story of a child who once recalled the story of the whole Star Wars saga, right down to names and details. The point? If a child can recall names like Obi Wan-Kenobi and Darth Vader, then he is capable of learning about Habakkuk, Nebuchadnezzar, and Aquinas. To combat secularism, Catholics must have high expectations for not only ourselves, but also for the next generation of the faithful.

To Light a Fire is highly recommended for those who are Catholic, Protestant, non-believers, and everyone in between. This book discusses everything from secularism to the use of the Bible in everyday Catholic living. For those who are not Catholic (or Christian), the book expertly describes Catholic teaching and doctrine. To those of us who are Catholic, the book is a reminder of why we believe what we believe. Additionally, as Catholics, Barron encourages us to be authentic with non-believers and to show them the beauty of our Faith.

BOOK REVIEW: [The Vibrant Paradoxes](#) (continued from page 1)

Protestant theologian Karl Barth called ‘that damnable Catholic’ and is what I would call its vibrant paradox.” The book is divided into five pairs of these apparent opposites: “Sin and Mercy”; “Reason and Faith”; “Matter and Spirit”; “Freedom and Discipline” and “Suffering and Joy.” To the modern mind these polarities cannot (and should not) be held together. A person is either insistent on moral law, or welcoming and loving; bases their life on science or bases it on Scripture; belongs to the order of chemistry or the Cartesian soul; chooses freely or follows rules and regulations; and feels either pain or happiness. You can have one, or you can have the other, but you can’t have both.

From our binary world, it’s hard to see how it could be otherwise. But Bishop Barron switches up our vantage point, and invites us to look at the issues and complexities of the world and of history from within each paradox. In a broad range of topics, which includes brief commentary on everything from iPhones to ISIS, these tensions are allowed to live together, and gradually “unlock” each issue in a way that merely picking sides can’t. Each chapter has its heroes from the Catholic tradition: the continuity between Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis unveils mercy as the acute awareness of sin; following Aquinas, we see how the human person, a composite of both body and soul, relies on both the intellect and faith to see clearly; Irenaeus shows us what it means to be a human being “fully alive”; and the saints, both past and present, show us the true cost of joy.

But there’s a single, resplendent light that holds these paradoxes together: what Bishop Barron calls the orthodox Christology of the Church. “According to the Council of Chalcedon,” he writes “Jesus is not partly divine and somewhat human, nor partly human and somewhat divine. Instead, he is both fully divine and fully human, each nature non-competitively present to the other in the unity of his person. Early heresies missed this both/and principle. Monophysitism hyper-stressed the Lord’s divinity, and Nestorianism hyper-stressed his humanity; and Arianism presented the apparently reasonable compromise — a blend of divinity and humanity. Yet Chalcedon, with extraordinary finesse, said no to each of these positions, and waved the flag of divinity and the fat of humanity with equal vigor.”

Vibrant Paradoxes has been praised by everyone from George Weigel to Father James Martin, SJ, and includes a resounding foreword from Peter Kreeft. It’s easy to see why: in a world torn apart and fragmented by antagonism, this is an engaging, entertaining, and eminently readable presentation of a tradition that has always dared to “bring together.”

Quotes from **Matthew Becklo** is a husband and father, amateur philosopher and cultural commentator at *Aleteia* and *Word on Fire*. His writing has been featured in *First Things*, *The Dish* and *Real Clear Religion*.

Back To School Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the fragrance of a new box of crayons arranged like a rainbow in each perfect row. Thank You for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper, awaiting fresh possibilities; may they remind us that You make all things new and bless us with abundance.

Thank You for the ruler which helps measure our accomplishments. Thank You for pencil top erasers that remind us that making mistakes as a normal part of human learning.

As we lay out our clothes for these first days of school, help us to remember to put on Christ each day too.

But mostly God, help us to remember that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher. May we never outgrow His lessons on how You want us to live and love. Amen

As summer comes to a close and minds turn to preparing for another school year. MOSACK'S is ready to assist those preparing learning environments in school and home. Parents, too, will find resources for encouraging their children as students. As considerations are made for acquiring educational items, MOSACK'S is ready to offer: select Christian classroom teaching resources: phonics learning books, posters, and coloring books along with Catholic Educational Books and Formation books, book-marks, and prizes.

Visit www.mosacks.com and look under two main categories: Classroom Teaching Resource and Stickers, Toys, Games & Puzzles. Other categories that will be helpful in your search are: DVDs and Books and Posters. All these items are available to convey Christian topics in a colorful way while enhancing the school setting and serving as useful tools in learning. Please contact us at info@mosacks.com to enable us to serve you in making this a successful and spiritual school year.



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