

# Sacramental Gift Guide 2019

Faith-Inspired Presents for Everyone on Your List

**W**ith Easter and springtime approaching, it is time for many families to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist and confirmation.

The Register's annual guide features gifts for babies being baptized, children making their first Communion, teens being confirmed, new Catholics entering the Church and couples getting married.

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## MARRIAGE

### 'LOVE LETTERS' HANGING CROSS PLAQUE

This hanging wall plaque is designed to look like a cross chiseled out of stone with a verse from 1 Corinthians 13 etched in the surface that reads: "Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast; it is not proud. It does not dishonor others; it is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." Made of resin, it measures 12 3/4 inches long x 7 3/4 inches wide overall. Item: 14788, \$38.

### 'GOD BLESS OUR HOME' WOOD CROSS

Made of wood, this small cross plaque is laser cut with precise details and vibrant colors. It features the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts with a white dove at the top and the prayer "God Bless Our Home" at the base. It measures 5 inches high x 3 1/4 inches wide x 1/4-inch deep and has a hole at the top for hanging. Item: 8385, \$7.50.

### ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, FRAMED IMAGE

In this striking new picture, St. Joseph is depicted holding the Child Jesus, with the humble handmaid Mary by his side and the angels around and behind them, holding a banner that reads in Latin: *Ite Ad Ioseph* ("Go to Joseph"). While St. Joseph holds a lily to symbolize his great purity in one hand, his other hand extends in blessing over a church building that represents the universal Church. The original, painted by Giuseppe Rollini, is currently at a side altar in Sacred Heart Church in Rome. This print is framed in an ornate gold frame under glass and is ready to hang. Measures 15 1/2 inches x 11 1/2 inches. Item: 1444, \$49.

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE FRAMED ARTWORK

This beautifully framed "Memorial of Marriage" certificate can be easily removed from the frame, filled out and taken to the wedding, where it can be signed by the priest. The certificate reads: "I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ in the church of \_\_\_\_\_, I joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ according to the rites of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Witness: \_\_\_\_\_." Certificate measures 13 inches x 16 inches. Item: 109C1, \$49.



## Prayer for a Married Couple

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Text adapted from the English translation of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony © 2013, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation via USCCB.org

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**BAPTISM**

**NOAH'S ARK NIGHT LIGHT**

This festive night light will cast a comforting glow in a young child's room. The theme of Noah's Ark is a good reminder of God's enduring love and our call to be faithful children of God. This porcelain night light measures approximately 6 inches high x 6 1/2 long x 4 inches deep and comes with a 6-foot electrical cord with a rotary switch. Item: 46404, \$44.

**'BLESS THIS CHILD' PICTURE FRAME**

This beautiful picture frame features gold edging and print that reads, "Bless This Child." The inspiring artwork was created by Sister Berta Hummel, who was born in the Bavarian town of Massing in 1909. In 1931 she graduated at the top of her class from the Academy of Applied Arts in Munich, and a month later she entered the Franciscan Convent of Siessen. Three years later, she made her first vows as Sister Maria Innocentia. Sister Maria died of tuberculosis in 1946 at the young age of 37, but her message of love lives on in her art. This porcelain frame has an easel back and measures 8 1/2 inches long x 8 inches high and holds a 6-inch x 4-inch photo. Item: WS457, \$28.

**BABY CRIB CRUCIFIX**

This lovely three-lobed crucifix with a white inlay is perfect for any baby's crib. It measures 3 1/2 inches x 2 1/4 inches and comes with a white satin ribbon. Item: 8690W, \$10.

**CATHOLIC ONESIE**

Dress the "Cradle Catholic" in your life in this cute and cuddly cotton onesie. Made of 100% combed ring-spun cotton with flatlock seams, double-needle ribbed binding on neck, shoulders, sleeves and leg openings, it has a reinforced three-snap closure and is Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act-compliant. Comes in sizes 3-6, 6-12, 12-18 and 18-24 months. Item: CCO, \$15.95.



**FIRST COMMUNION**

**HOLY MASS ASSOCIATION PEARL AND GOLD BEAD ROSARY**

This strikingly beautiful rosary features the special Holy Mass Association crucifix. The beads are beautiful 7mm pearls, and the Holy Mass crucifix is gold-plated with a pearlized epoxy inlay on the beams and a white enamel Host in the center, with a gold cross and "IHS" symbolizing the Eucharist. It comes boxed with a brief explanation of the Holy Mass crucifix. Item: 563HF, \$47.

**PERSONALIZED FIRST COMMUNION PLAQUE**

This beautiful gold wood plaque can be personalized with the child's first name and date of first Communion. Holds a 5-inch x 7-inch photo. Double-matted under glass, it measures 11 1/2 inches x 9 1/2 inches. (For personalization, please include name and date of first Communion.) Item: P107, \$30.

**WHITE FIRST COMMUNION CROSS**

This solid-wood crucifix is painted white and features a pewter Italian corpus and a special Eucharistic medallion with the words, "In Remembrance of My First Holy Communion" around the edge and a Host and chalice in the center. Measures 6 inches high and includes a ring for hanging. Item: 7537, \$30.

**QUILTED PORCELAIN FIRST COMMUNION PICTURE FRAME**

This horizontal photo frame makes a meaningful gift on first Communion day. Made of porcelain, the frame measures 8 inches high and 8 inches wide. The front has molded "quilting," with a medallion decorated with Eucharistic symbols. Each frame has an easel back or optional ring for hanging. Item: 46143, \$25.

**FIRST COMMUNION LITTLE DROPS STATUE**

This cute little statue of a first communicant and guardian angel is designed with simple features and smooth edges for smaller hands. From the Little Drops of Water collection, it is made of resin and measures 3 inches high. Item: 12244 (girls'); 12245 (boys'), \$14.



**CONFIRMATION**

**ROSE GOLD TWO-TONE DOVE IN HEART PENDANT**

This beautiful two-tone sterling-silver rose gold heart has a silver dove in the middle representing the Holy Spirit. The heart measures 1/2 inch and comes on an 18-inch matching chain with a clasp. Item: JR787, \$42.

**RED CORD HOLY SPIRIT HEART BRACELET**

This bracelet is made of a red cord that holds a rhodium-plated braided heart with a Holy Spirit charm in the center. It measures 7 1/2 inches with an adjustable chain and lobster clasp. Item: 676C, \$12.

**HOLY SPIRIT MEDAL**

This medal depicts the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove. The cross at the top represents Jesus. The hands releasing the dove represent God the Father, and the flame details behind the image represent the fire of the Spirit. The sterling-silver medal measures 3/4-inch and comes on a 20-inch chain. Item: L60HS, \$48.

**HOLY SPIRIT NECKTIE**

This glossy poly/satin tie features an image of the Holy Spirit depicted as a dove on a dark-red/black background pattern of the same image. Tie measures 3 1/2 inches x 56 inches. Item: TIEHSF, \$25.

**'CONFIRMED IN CHRIST' FRAME WITH LACE DETAIL**

This porcelain frame, measuring 8 inches x 6 inches and with space to hold a 4-inch x 6-inch photo, features a "Confirmed in Christ" message with a cross and ivory lace detail. Item: 11240, \$24.

**CAROLINE COLLECTION WHITE CONFIRMATION FRAME**

From the Caroline Collection, this elegant picture frame is designed to display a 4-inch x 6-inch photo of a loved one's confirmation. The border consists of a white enamel inlay with a silver cross at the top of the mat and the word "Confirmation" printed in silver along the bottom. Frame measures 6 1/2 inches high x 8 1/4 inches wide and has a plush black velvet easel back. Item: 19833, \$25.

**THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Kevin Vost provides a substantive yet readable introduction to the seven gifts. With St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure as his guides, he explains each gift; the special meaning behind each of the natural and theological virtues; and the indispensable link between the seven gifts and the beatitudes. Paperback. 207 pages. Item: 4120, \$19.

**BRAIDED STAINLESS-STEEL CROSS BRACELET**

A shiny 1 1/2-inch stainless-steel plate with a bold black cross in the center is attached to two braided black leather cords to form this faith bracelet. It has a lobster clasp with an adjustable chain that allows the bracelet to measure from 7 1/2 inches to 9 1/2 inches. Item: 45638, \$5.

**NEW BOOKS for Lent 2019** ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6

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40 Days to Finding Peace in Christ  
GARY ZIMAK  
160 pages, \$13.95  
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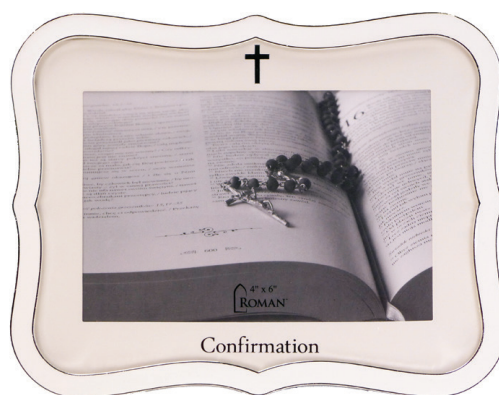
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KEN KNIPEMANN  
192 pages, \$13.95

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**'GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT' BRACELET**

This silver-plated, two-sided bracelet features almond-shaped medals with the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" engraved upon them: wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, understanding, piety and fear of the Lord. It measures 7 1/2 inches long. Item: 11563, \$15.

**ST. JOSEPH STATUE**

This beautiful statue is made of fiberglass and is hand-painted in Peru. Measures 16 3/4 inches high. Imported from Peru. Item: V0769, \$82.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS STATUE**

This sacred statue depicts the Risen Lord with his Sacred Heart aflame with love and his right hand raised in blessing. It is beautifully painted in rich earth tones with precise details. Made of a resin-stone mix, it measures 18 inches high x 6 inches wide. Item: 68308, \$72.

**VIRGIN AND CHILD STATUE**

This beautiful statue from Joseph Studio's Renaissance Collection showcases the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, holding Jesus tenderly as he drifts off to sleep. The white lilies are symbolic of Our Lady's purity and piety. This hand-painted statue is made of a resin-stone mix and measures 16 inches high. Item: 60409, \$57.

**BROWN WOOD BEAD ROSARY WITH ENAMEL CRUCIFIX**

This beautiful rosary features wood beads and a pewter center with the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the front and Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the reverse. The brown enamel crucifix features a pewter corpus. Imported from Italy. Item: 537D, \$44.

**DIVINE MERCY BRONZED PLAQUE**

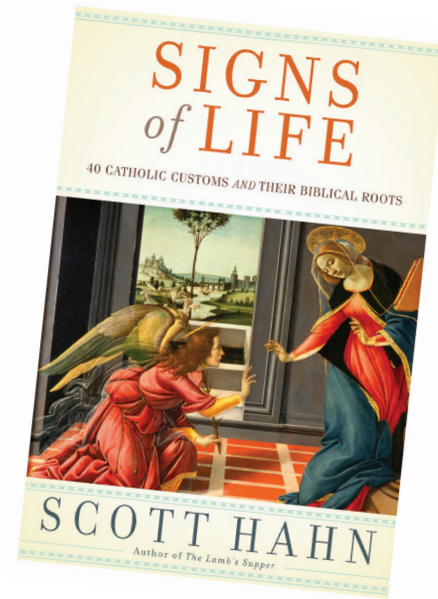
This striking plaque of the Divine Mercy image is made of cold-cast bronze and lightly hand-painted, with beautiful gold, blue and red details. At the bottom are the words: "Jesus, I trust in you." Measuring 9 inches high x 6 inches wide, it is designed to be displayed by hanging or standing with the easel back. Item: 76747, \$62.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE DECORATIVE PANEL PLAQUE**

This beautiful three-panel plaque features a pretty picture of Our Lady of Grace on a decorative blue background with "Hail Mary, Full of Grace" in white lettering across the top. The rustic look of the panels is embellished by the contrast of the four elegant filigree corner pieces. It is made of medium-density fiberboard that has the appearance of wood and measures 17 inches tall x 13 inches wide x 3/4-inch deep. On the back are two keyhole hooks for hanging. Item: 60029, \$42.

**SIGNS OF LIFE**

Theologian Scott Hahn provides a guide to the biblical doctrines and historical traditions that underlie 40 Catholic beliefs and practices. Devoting single chapters to each topic, he illuminates the roots and significance of the Sign of the Cross; the Mass; the sacraments; praying with the saints; guardian angels; sacred images and relics; the celebration of Easter, Christmas and other holidays; daily prayers; and much more. Each chapter concludes with inspiring advice on applying the Church's wisdom to everyday life. Hardcover. 276 pages. Item: 19496, \$24.



## 'Morality Needs ... Saints to Uncover Moral Laws'

BY DONALD DEMARCO

The state of perplexity and the need for guidance have long been characteristic of human beings.

Rabbi Moses Maimonides wrote *The Guide for the Perplexed* in the 12th century to help his people reconcile religion with science. In 1977, E.F. Schumacher published *A Guide for the Perplexed* for those who lost sight of the vertical dimension of life and were suffocating in materialism.

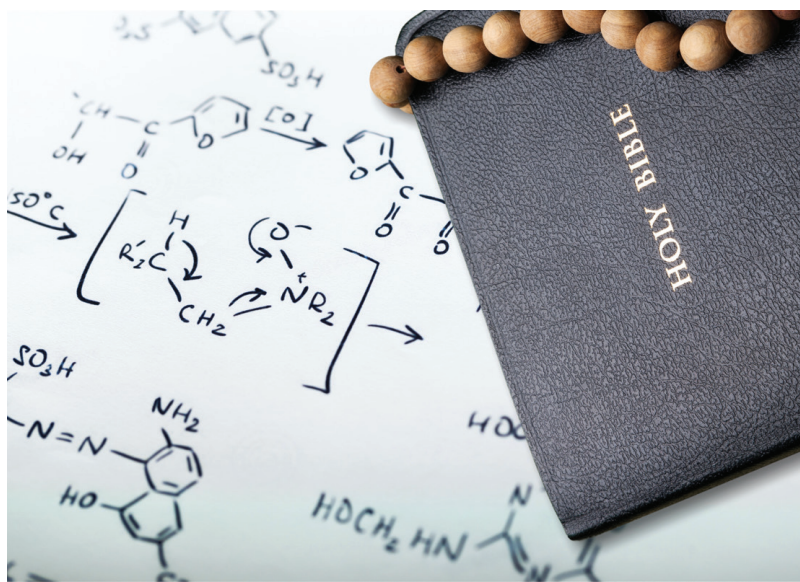
Gilad Atzman penned a 2001 novel entitled, *A Guide to the Perplexed*. Whether one is confused, perplexed or bewildered, one needs guidance, a map, a moral compass.

What perplexes people today is far more complex than it ever was. Gerard Verschuuren's *Matters of Life & Death: A Guide to the Moral Questions of Our Time* tackles an array of contemporary problems and offers common, realistic answers that are helpful not only for Catholics, but for all thinking people.

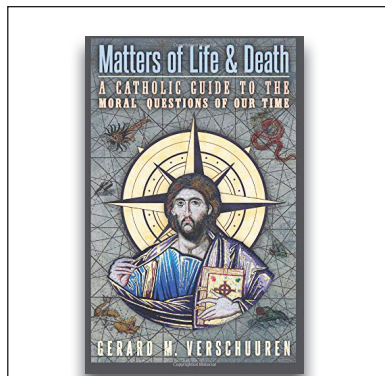
On his list of perplexing problems are contraception, in vitro fertilization, abortion, eugenics, euthanasia and gender issues. He treats them with the objectivity of a scientist diagnosing an ailment, the sympathy of a healer seeking a remedy, and the skill of a writer who labors to make his case convincing.

Verschuuren, who is both a scientist and a philosopher, is well aware of the gravity of the current situation. The issues he discusses are, without exaggeration, matters of life and death; hence, their paramount importance. He begins at the same starting point shared by St. Thomas Aquinas, with that natural-law principle written on our hearts: Do good and avoid evil, an axiom that accords with common sense rightly understood.

The combination of the natural law with the Golden Rule offers Verschuuren a solid methodology by which he can disabuse people of perplexities they need not maintain. The fake philosophies of rela-



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**MATTERS OF LIFE & DEATH**  
A Catholic Guide to the Moral Questions of Our Time  
By Gerard M. Verschuuren  
Angelico Press, 2018  
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tivism, reductionism and skepticism dissolve under the light of reason and common sense that the author brings to bear on his subject.

Verschuuren is but one voice in a chorus of voices that includes Aquinas, St. John Paul II, G.K. Chesterton, Dr. Jérôme Lejeune, Ralph McInerny, John Finnis, Dr. John Willke, Father Benedict Groeschel, Albert Einstein and Alice von Hildebrand.

Buttressed by a panoply of clear and reliable thinkers, he has no reason to be intimidated by political correctness. For example, he cites Margaret Sanger, founder of

Planned Parenthood, whose ambition was "to create a race of thoroughbreds" through contraception and abortion and wanted to keep silent about her more sinister aims: "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population." He exposes the bogus "scientific research" of Alfred Kinsey and the dishonesty of pro-abortionists who regard the unborn human being as merely "a clump of cells."

I heartily recommend this book. The need is urgent for people of intelligence and knowledge to provide enlightenment for a world where perplexity about life-and-death issues has reached a critical point. As Verschuuren states, while modestly deflecting attention from himself, "Just as science needs geniuses like Newton and Einstein to discover laws no one else has seen before them, so morality needs 'geniuses' such as prophets and saints to uncover moral laws to which others are blind."

We are indeed indebted to prophets and saints, but without losing sight of the important contributions made by knowledgeable people of common sense.

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