

Selected additional resources for the Divine Office

Praying the Office from books

Editions of the 1960 Office currently in print:
Breviarium Romanum, Angelus Press. Latin only
Breviarium Romanum, Nova et Vetera. Latin only
Breviarium Romanum, Baronius Press. Latin-English

Simplified editions of the traditional Office in print:
The Little Office of Baltimore, TAN books
The Divine Office, Angelus Press
Vespers, Angelus Press

Praying the Office online

divinumofficium.com
breviary.net
universalis.com (Novus Ordo: Liturgy of the Hours)

For praying on phone or tablet (apps)

breviarium meum (Choose Office format in settings)
iPieta (Chose Traditional Office in settings)
iBreviary (Novus Ordo: Liturgy of the Hours)

Study the history and background of the Office

Wikipedia site has many useful articles, and these will, as usual, have links to other articles with more detail, as well as offer bibliography for further reading:

- Divine Office
- Roman Breviary
- Psalter
- Articles on the individual hours by name
- Calendar
- History of Calendar
- Roman Calendar
- Calendar of Saints
- Liturgical Year

Pierre Battifol, *History of the Roman Breviary*.

Dom Jules Baudot, *The Roman Breviary: its sources and history*.

Dom Suitbert Bäumer, *Geschichte des breviars*.

Pierre Salmon, *The breviary through the centuries*.

The only modern survey of the Office history is:

Robert Taft, *Liturgy of the hours in East and West*. Taft, a Jesuit, focuses more on the liturgy of the East than the West. He has little on the Roman Breviary.

Aimé-Georges Martimort, *The Liturgy and Time*. Good in places. Read with caution.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/introduction-to-the-roman-breviary-11837>

Also, both Angelus Press books listed above have good introductions to the Office and the psalms.

Though now a bit outdated by newer studies, the standard work on the move to the portable breviary is still *The Origins of the Modern Roman Liturgy*, by S. J. P. Van Dijk, O.F.M. and J. Hazelden Walker. Darton, Longmans and Todd, London, 1960.

Books and linked mentioned in the talks

Xavier Bissaro, *Chanter toujours*. Read online: <https://books.openedition.org/pur/101561?lang=en> or download at amazon kindle or apple books.

Video of Justice Clarence Thomas is available at <https://tubitv.com/movies/562211/>.

BBC Radio series launched 31 Oct 2021 of all 8 canonical hours is at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00113tr>

<https://onepeterfive.com/vespers-an-often-forgotten-universal-prayer-of-the-church/>

Deep Time project. <https://deeptime.fr/en/>

Fr. Hunwick's Liturgical Notes:

<http://liturgicalnotes.blogspot.com>

<https://www.newliturgicalmovement.org/2021/11/the-value-of-sacred-language-quest.html>

S Cyprian, *On mortality*.

<https://www.catechesisrenewal.com/blog/2020/6/01-cyprian-on-mortality>

<https://www.restorethe54.com> Also:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=restore%20the%20%2754>. Ordo only on FB page.

Liturgical Commentaries on Mass & Office

Dom Prosper Gueranger, *The liturgical year*.

Bl. Ildefonso Schuster, *The Sacramentary*.

Pius Parsch, *The Church's year of grace*.

Phillip Campbell, *Feasts of Christendom: History, Theology, and Customs of the Principal Feasts of the Catholic Church*

Liturgy and language

Christine Mohrmann, *Liturgical Latin*.

Catherine Pickstock, *After writing*.

Temple roots of liturgy

Anything by Margaret Barker. A short summary of her fine work is at this link:

<http://www.margaretbarker.com/Papers/TempleRootsofChristianLiturgy.pdf>

Fr. James Meagher, *How Christ said the first Mass*. Read online or book.