

Four Books to Read this Lent, 2021

1. ***Sister Thea Bowman: Do You Hear Me, Church?*** By Peggy A. Sklar. Sr Thea Bowman (1939-1990), a native of a small town in central Mississippi, was a well-known educator, gifted singer, scholar, and advocate for diversity and the inclusion of African Americans and African American culture in the Catholic Church. Sr Thea faced many obstacles as a young girl growing up in the segregated South. Her story is intertwined with the disparities and injustices experienced by African Americans in Mississippi. (Paulist Press).
2. ***What Are We Hoping For? Reflections on Lent & Easter*** by Richard Leonard, SJ (Paulist Press)
3. ***Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery*** by Cheri Mills. This Lenten devotional invites readers to learn more about the brutal institution of slavery and its impact on Black people in America and recognize how its evolution and legacy continue to harm their descendants in the United States today. Each of the forty devotions includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes to challenge modern readers to work for liberation. Reflecting on Lenten themes of exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance, readers, both Black and white, will be empowered for the work of racial justice. (Westminster John Knox Press)
4. ***The Gospel of John***. Read it from start to finish...then do it again...then do it again. Do I want to follow this Jesus of Nazareth? Is my life worth following Him?