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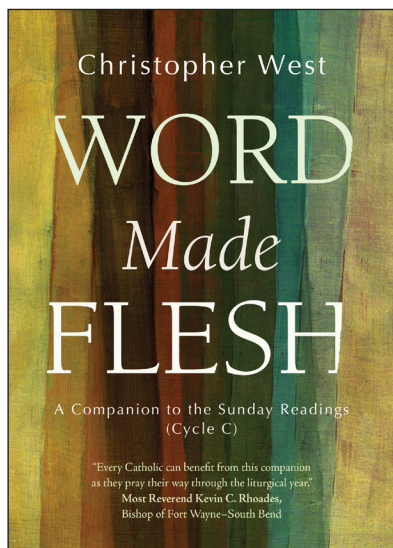
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Word Made Flesh
*A Companion to
the Sunday Readings (Cycle C)*

By Christopher West
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“Jesus invites us to a holy intoxication on God’s wine so that our entire humanity—body and soul, sexuality, and spirituality—becomes enflamed with divine love.”

Excerpt From *Word Made Flesh*

UNDERSTAND SUNDAY READINGS THROUGH THE LENS OF JPII’S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—One of the most influential movements in the Church today is centered on St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body (TOB), of whose teachings Christopher West is the preeminent translator for a popular audience. In *Word Made Flesh: A Companion to the Sunday Readings (Cycle C)*, West offers reflections on an entire cycle of Sunday Mass readings through the lens of TOB, providing a fresh way to process and act on the Good News by orienting our desires for union with God with our understanding of ourselves and our relationships with others.

St. John Paul II’s TOB is most often framed as an extended catechesis on human sexuality and married love. It is that, to be sure, but, as John Paul II observed, what we learn in the TOB “concerns the whole Bible” and the “whole mission of Christ.” Wearing John Paul II’s “spousal lenses,” West takes us on a tour of the Sunday readings throughout the liturgical year and opens their hidden meaning, allowing God’s word to take flesh in our own lives.

In a clearly written introduction, West provides a primer on TOB—an overview of its main teachings and an explanation of how these teachings brilliantly illuminate the whole story of salvation from Genesis to Revelation.

In *Word Made Flesh*, West offers distinctive reflections on all fifty-two Sunday readings from the first Sunday of Advent through Christ the King Sunday. Some weeks he focuses primarily on the Gospel, while in others he emphasizes a specific passage or verse from one of the other readings. The reflections naturally and deeply connect with the human experience of living with body and soul in the world while also contemplating the nature of the glorified body in the eternal kingdom to come.

The material in *Word Made Flesh* can be used as a weekly devotional or as a preparation for Sunday Mass. Subsequent editions of *Word Made Flesh* will be released prior to the start of liturgical cycles A (Advent 2019) and B (Advent 2020).

There is no other devotional that follows the Mass readings for each Sunday of the liturgical year through the lens of the Theology of the Body.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

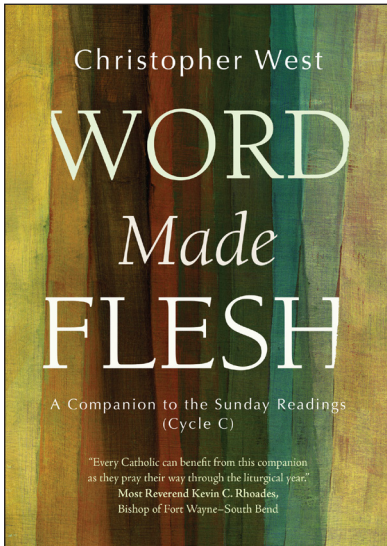
Christopher West is cofounder and president of the Theology of the Body Institute. His global lecturing, bestselling books, and multiple audio and video programs have made him one of the world's most recognized teachers of TOB. As founder and president of The Cor Project, he leads an international outreach devoted to helping others learn, live, and share this teaching.

West is the author of more than a dozen books, including *Theology of the Body Explained*, *Theology of the Body for Beginners*, and *Good News about Sex & Marriage*. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, on ABC News, MSNBC, and Fox News, and in countless Catholic and evangelical media.

West has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in TOB at The Theology of the Body Institute, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, the Institute of Priestly Formation, and at the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, Australia.

“Reflecting on the Sunday Mass readings with the help of John Paul II’s Theology of the Body is like putting on a pair of glasses that brings the entire biblical story (and the liturgy itself) into focus. Familiar passages and parables suddenly “pop open,” enabling us to enter their inner mystery and meaning as never before. We come to see that the whole of the Christian life is an invitation—as Jesus proposed in Matthew 22:1–14 and Luke 14:15–24—to a wedding feast”

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PRAISE FOR *WORD MADE FLESH*

“The entirety of the Scriptures—from Genesis to Revelation—recounts the story of God’s profound love for his creation. Christopher West’s *Word Made Flesh* provides an ongoing reflection on this love through the lens of St John Paul II’s catechesis on the nuptial meaning of creation. Since these meditations follow the Sunday Lectionary, every Catholic can benefit from this companion as they pray their way through the liturgical year.”

Most. Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

“Christopher West does it again! Through the lens of Theology of the Body he helps break open the Sunday readings to reveal the deep mysteries of our desires. Let him personally walk alongside you each week and you will find your heart burning within you.”

Rose Sweet
Catholic author, speaker, and retreat leader

“Christopher West’s new book has been a secret dream of many familiar with Theology of the Body, including myself. So many liturgical Bible readings lend themselves to an explication through the lens of John Paul II’s masterwork, and now West has connected the dots. As Catholics, we have three sources of Revelation: Creation (the Father), Scripture (the Son), the Church (the Holy Spirit). In *Word Made Flesh*, West, with his gift of clarity, helps us to discern all three sources working together, and assists both clergy and laity in breaking open the Word of God in all its physical and spiritual richness and beauty.”

Sr. Helena Burns, F.S.P.
Theology of the Body presenter

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. What are the benefits of looking at the Sunday readings through the lens of Theology of the Body?
2. Why is TOB so important in today’s society?
3. What do you hope readers get out of this book?
4. Explain the image of the wedding feast in the context of the book.