This guide highlights some useful resources for students of ecclesiastical Latin.

**DICTIONARIES**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – PA 2891 .D53 1995]

A dictionary for practical everyday-use, as opposed to advanced research and scholarship. Includes terms from Sacred Scripture, the liturgy, the Code of Canon Law, and the documents of Vatican II.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – PA 2365 .E5 H3 2007  
[1st edition available online: http://archive.org/details/dictionaryofvulg00hard]

**COURSES**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor CD Collection – PA 2107 .S54 1992]

An audio course with 26 audio CDs. The CDs are entirely in Latin while the accompanying coursebook includes some English. Each of the lessons includes components on classical Latin, ecclesiastical Latin, and contemporary Latin. There is an emphasis on repetition, and on speaking and hearing the language.

[St. Michael's 2nd Floor – PA 2823 .C55 1988]

The standard current course book for ecclesiastical Latin. Emphasises texts taken from Sacred Scripture and from the liturgy. There is also an answer key to the exercises (St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – PA 2823 .C55 1985 Suppl.)

*First Experience Latin with Fr. Reginald Foster.*  
[Available online: http://www.frcoulter.com/latin/first/index.html]

For many years Father Reggie Foster taught Latin at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.
This website provides PDFs of his course notes and homework assignments.


The two Scanlon volumes are designed to prepare students to read the Missal and the Breviary (*Latin Grammar*) and philosophy, theology, and canon law (*Second Latin*).


**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Reading Scripture – especially familiar portions like the Gospels or the Psalms – is a useful way of developing one's vocabulary.

**Nova Vulgata Bibliorum sacrorum editio.** Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1979. [St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BS 75 1979; also 3rd Floor circulating copy]

The complete text of the Vulgate as revised by order of Pope Paul VI and promulgated by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**The Navarre Bible.** [St. Michael's 3rd Floor – each volume classified separately]

The Latin text of the Nova Vulgata, the English text of the Revised Standard Version, and an English commentary. Search the catalogue for "Navarre Bible".


Selected passages with vocabulary notes.


The Douay-Rheims English translation with a reconstruction of the Latin text from which it was translated.


A handy edition of the Psalms in Latin with side-by-side English translation.
**Vulgate on CD.**

Gospel of Mark: St. Michael's 1st Floor CD Collection – BS 2582 .V8 1989 CD
Gospel of John: St. Michael's 1st Floor CD Collection – BS 2612 .V8 1999 CD
Book of Psalms: St. Michael’s 1st Floor CD Collection – BS 85 .P73 2010 CD]

Audio-CDs of the Sixto-Clementine Vulgate, the version of the Latin Bible most commonly used from the 16th century until the publication of the Nova Vulgata in 1979.

**LITURGY**

In the 1963 Constitution *Sacrosanctum concilium*, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that "steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."


The ordinary and proper prayers for mass according to the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite (the "Novus ordo"). Parallel Latin and English columns.

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2015 .A2 1949]

The ordinary and proper prayers for mass according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (1962 "Tridentine" Missal). Includes the lectionary readings. Parallel Latin and English columns.

[Available online: http://archive.org/details/hymnsofbreviarym00cath]
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BV 468 .C4 1924]

Includes a poetic English translation and a literal English translation with vocabulary notes.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor CD Collection – M 2153.2 .A56 1990z v.1-8 CD]

Audio-CDs of the chants for mass according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (1962 “Tridentine” Missal).

**PRAYERS**

In his 2007 Apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI re-affirmed "that the faithful can be taught to recite the more common prayers in Latin".

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2170 .I6 C38 1999]

A collection of those prayers in Latin to which the Church currently attaches an indulgence. There

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2170 .I6 A4 1957]

This book is a translation of those prayers to which the Church formerly attached indulgences (until 1969). Those prayers which were published in Italian, are presented here only in English; but those prayers which were published in Latin, are presented here in both English and Latin.

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2110 .C365 1930]

This collection includes many prayers in Latin with side-by-side English translation.

## Spiritual and Theological Classics

Many Latin spiritual and theological classics have a reasonably small vocabulary base and a simple sentence structure.

**De imitatione Christi.** Mechlinae: H. Dessain, 1921.  
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BV 4820 1921]

*The Imitation of Christ*, formerly attributed to Thomas à Kempis.

**De imitatione Christi.**  
[St. Michael’s 1st Floor CD Collection – BV 4820 1998 CD]

An audio-CD version of the *The Imitation of Christ*.

**Exercititia spiritualia.** Ignatii de Loyola. Ratisbonae: Pustet, 1923.  
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2179 .L7 L3 1923]

*The Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

**Sancti Leoni Magni tractatus.**  
[Available online: http://www.frcoulter.com/leo/index.html]

The Latin text, an English translation, and mp3 audio files of Father Reginald Foster reading the sermons of Saint Leo the Great.