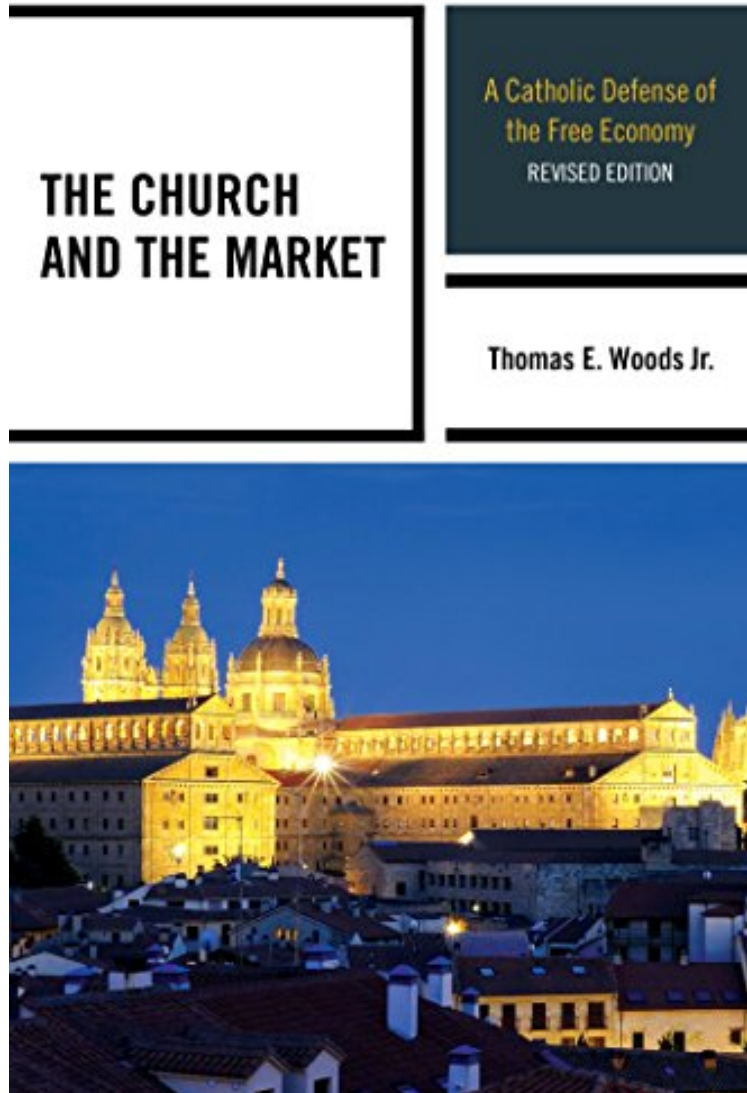


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my parish priest, he asked that I donate it to the parish library. Hence, I gave away my only copy, thinking that I had no further need of it. After reading Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si", I started writing commentaries on specific paragraphs of that document. I really wanted to go back and refresh myself with a primer on Austrian economics, but written from a Catholic perspective as to the authority of the Pope on matters that seemed to go beyond his realm of "faith and morals." Thus I recently purchased the Kindle version of Dr. Woods book, "The Church and the Market" in order to clarify my own thinking regarding the Pope's recent encyclical. I find now that I have reread this book, that it is far more than a "Catholic" book. Although Dr. Woods does a masterful job of tying in the teachings of the Church on social justice with his primer on Austrian economics, I find that first and foremost, this book is a primer on Austrian economics. I highly recommend this book to any non-Catholic as their second book on Austrian economics. The first book I would recommend is "Economics in One Lesson" by Henry Hazlitt, in order to understand the critical point that in order to do a clear economic analysis, one must consider what is unseen with what is seen. Once you understand that concept, it is time to pick up this book! I love reading Dr. Woods, and have several of his other books. He writes in a way that is both clear and concise. He has that rare gift among writers in that he writes for laymen, and is easily understood. He gives excellent examples of common ordinary items or situations to explain economic laws, and the points that he tries to make about them. I highly recommend any Thomas E. Woods book that covers any subject in which you have an interest. I find all of his books enjoyable, and difficult to put down. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Misconceptions have led to centuries of misled followers as it relates to Christianity and the Austrian School of Economics. By Dontreadonme Many Church leaders, Popes included, have had a distorted view of Austrian Economics. This has led, over the years, to bad political decisions. Austrian Economics, as the author shows, is the economic system that best reflects the justice and fairness that the Bible preaches. Everyone of Faith should read this volume and allow it to open your eyes to the truths found therein. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent case for the free market. By Daren Tobert As a Christian, I have struggled to find ways of explaining the glorious order God has placed in the universe in the laws of economics. Tom outlines well how many so-called libertarian positions are really just facts of nature, not really subject to debate. Wonderful book.

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The book is part an explanation of the Austrian point of view, which rejects evidenced-based economics that relies on natural experiments and is instead in favor of principles derived by reason and logic. . . . [Wood's] arguments offer a guide for Catholics who . . . reject Pope Francis's condemnation of the global economic order. (Fortune Magazine) About the Author Thomas E. Woods Jr. is the author of the New York Times bestseller The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History. He has written over 150 articles for popular and scholarly periodicals and is a frequent commentator on radio and television.