

Simply reading his book will not be a substitute for this course by any means for the text but as a reference in case you want to check on anything - ~~****text~~ or to do collateral reading, it would be very good. Another one I might mention is Qualden. I am not sure we have that in the Library but imagine we have because the man who taught church history here before I did used it as a textbook. So it was used as a textbook at Faith Seminary about 20 years ago. Qualden has in his book which he published fairly recently, got a tremendous collection of facts and they are presented often in diagrams and brief statements and it is much easier to get facts quickly from it than from Latourette. Unfortunately it is one of the driest reading books that I have ever seen. I don't know why he made it so uninteresting in his presentation. But he does have a lot of well given facts, easy for quick review. but as I have said I am not sure that is now in the library. I mention those two, Latourette and Qualden. Now here it gives an outline history of the Church - Joseph McSorley. I mention that one to you as I use that one a good deal in connection with this course. That is an outline history that takes it up by centuries and gives a great many very important facts in a very good fashion. This is excellent for consultation. It is not very good for straight reading because it is not given like a story but taking under each century a brief discussion of the ^{political} ~~ecclesiastical~~ situation and different things like that. Then it takes the religious situation and a discussion of the papacy - discussion of the councils and so on. It has a fine presentation of material - it is by a Roman Catholic and is definitely from the Roman Catholic viewpoint. So whenever I give anything that ~~is~~ does not jibe with the claims of the present day Roman Catholic hierarchy, I am very interested to see how it is presented in the McSorley book. It is a good scholarly presentation from that viewpoint. I have had one of those on the reserved shelf in the library for a month or so. For checking any particular dates or facts, you would find that book very useful.

Emperors in the last part of the 4th century