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NEW! AVAILABLE JANUARY

Living as a Confident Daughter of God

A Faith-Sharing Guide for Catholic Women

Patricia Mitchell

Many books are available to help women grow in self-confidence, but this sixteen-session faith-sharing guide is designed to help women grow in "God-confidence." The first eight sessions focus on growing in confidence of God's promises—among them his promises of unconditional love, grace, presence, and eternal life. The second eight sessions help women to embrace their humanity, their vocation, and their femininity and respond to God's call to grow in holiness and to share the good news. Like *Living as a Beloved* Daughter of God, a companion guide, the aim of this book is to help women grow closer to God and to one another. Each session features:

- A short opening story about a woman challenged to exercise her faith;
- A Scripture passage to support the theme of the session;
- Excerpts from the Catechism and other church documents;
- Questions for personal reflection and group discussion.

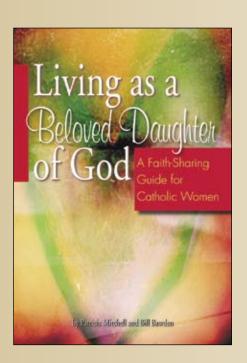
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"In Living as a Confident Daughter of God, author Patricia Mitchell guides Catholic women to a deeper understanding of their unique callings in life. With inspiring vignettes and study of both relevant Scripture and the *Catechism of the* Catholic Church, Mitchell offers every woman wonderful tools to nurture and live

out her spiritual and vocational gifts. Whether you undertake this study individually or as part

of a small faith-sharing community, you will find yourself edified and inspired."

-Lisa M. Hendey, founder and editor, www.CatholicMom.com



Living as a Beloved Daughter of God

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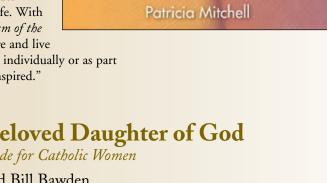
Patricia Mitchell and Bill Bawden

This sixteen-session guide explores prayer, mercy, the Eucharist, forgiveness, friendship, and emotions.

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Patricia Mitchell has served as editorial director of The Word Among Us Press since 1999. She co-authored, with Deacon Bill Bawden, the best-selling faith-sharing guide, Living as a Beloved Daughter of God. She has also written and edited several books on the saints, including I Have Called You by Name, Wisdom from Pope John Paul II, and Wisdom from Dorothy Day, all published by The Word Among Us Press. Patty and her husband John have four children and live in Virginia.



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Christians at the Cross

Finding Hope in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus

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Anglican bishop N. T. Wright is a respected ecumenical voice among Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christians. When he reflected on Christ's death and resurrection with the members of a mining community in northern England who had suffered grievous losses, he encouraged them to find signs of hope as they brought their pain into the presence of God through the journey of Jesus to the cross. The wisdom of his biblical reflections gathered in this book—apply to anyone who endures suffering, offering a passage to hope through Christ's marvelous victory over death.

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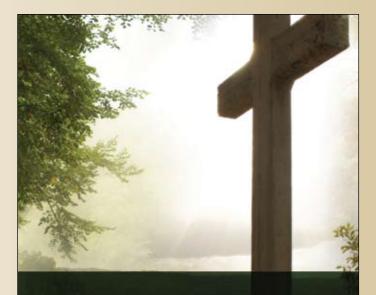
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"I am convinced that when we bring our griefs and sorrows within the story of God's own grief and sorrow, and allow them to be held there, God is able to bring healing to us and new possibilities to our lives."

N.T. Wright, from the Introduction

"Bishop Wright's brilliance as a biblical scholar, theologian, pastor, and preacher come together in these luminous sermons on Holy Week Scripture texts delivered in a mining town in England. He blends the story of Jesus, the Old Testament background, the sufferings of real people, and conditions in today's world into a four-part harmony and brings forth a song of hope for dispirited people. This little gem of a book is perfect reading for Holy Week or any other week."

> —Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA



Christians at the Cross

FINDING HOPE in the PASSION, DEATH, and RESURRECTION of JESUS

N. T. WRIGHT



N. T. Wright is the Bishop of Durham in the Church of England. He taught New Testament studies for twenty years at Cambridge, McGill, and Oxford Universities. His full-scale works, including *Jesus and the Victory* of God, are widely regarded as some of the most significant studies of the historical Jesus. Among his many other books are *The Challenge of Jesus* and *Simply Christian*.

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"Drawing from very personal experiences of the author's own prayer, this hands-on guide will introduce all to prayer that is vibrant and faith-filled. How good to 'pray the Scriptures!" —Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville

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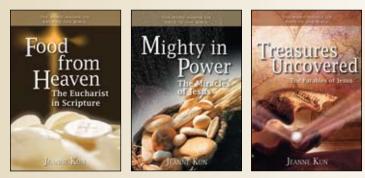
"Deacon Ralph's latest book, *Heart to Heart with God*, is inspired. Written in easy-to-read language, it could be regarded as a 'runway' to God. It will lead to a heart-to-heart relationship with God through vibrant prayer that readers can integrate into their everyday lives."

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Deacon Ralph Torrelli serves in the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi, and directs the diocese's continuing education program for deacons. He is the author of four pamphlets in the "Come Holy Spirit" series published by Liguori Publications. He also

writes the Scripture commentary column for the *Gulf Pine Catholic*, the newspaper of the Biloxi Diocese. He and his wife, Mary, live in Hattiesburg and have two children and three grandchildren. **Other Books in the Keys to the Bible Series**



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Holy Spirit, Make Your Home in Me

Biblical Meditations on Receiving the Gift of the Spirit

George T. Montague, SM

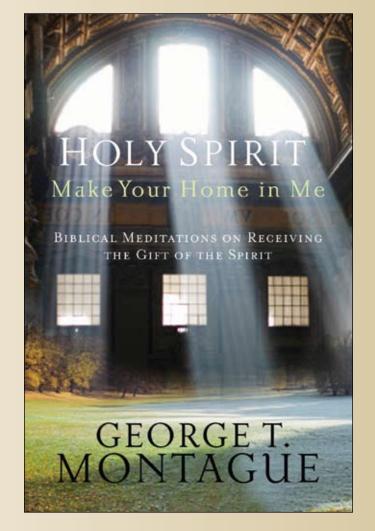
In this moving book, Fr. George Montague invites us to welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts in fresh, new ways. Both an eminent bible scholar and a humble pastor, Fr. Montague meditates here on the gift of the Holy Spirit in Scripture. He combines biblical interpretation with warmly described personal experience and the inspiring testimony of others to show us how God's gift of the Spirit is meant to powerfully transform our lives.

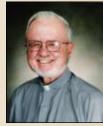
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Fr. George T. Montague, SM, is a Marianist priest known internationally for his numerous books on Scripture and spirituality. He is a former president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and has served as editor of the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. A popular speaker, he has been involved in the Catholic Charismatic

Renewal since 1970, and is professor of biblical theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

CONVERSING with GOD in SCRIPTURE

A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH TO LECTIO DIVINA

STEPHEN J. BINZ



Stephen J. Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, a popular speaker, and the author of more than twenty books on the Bible, including the new series, Threshold Bible Study. An enthusiastic proponent of Scripture study in the church for over two decades, Binz has studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Hebrew University in Jerusalem

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Conversing With God in Scripture

A Contemporary Approach to Lectio Divina

Stephen J. Binz

Is it really possible to enter into a genuine conversation with God? Christians throughout the ages have done so using the ancient practice of *lectio divina*, or spiritual reading. In this practical and inspirational book, Stephen Binz shows how we can read and reflect on Scripture in ways that enable us to hear God speaking to us in our thoughts and hearts. He explains how to converse with God in prayer, which will lead to contemplation and life-changing action. With a clarity that all will welcome, Binz explains the elements, characteristics, and benefits of *lectio divina*. This book is suitable for those in faith-sharing and Bible study groups.

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"Those searching for solid grounding in the rich spiritual practice of lectio divina will be delighted with the inviting, contemporary approach of this book. Included are excellent suggestions for abiding with the Word of God in this intimate prayer of the heart. I joyfully recommend it."

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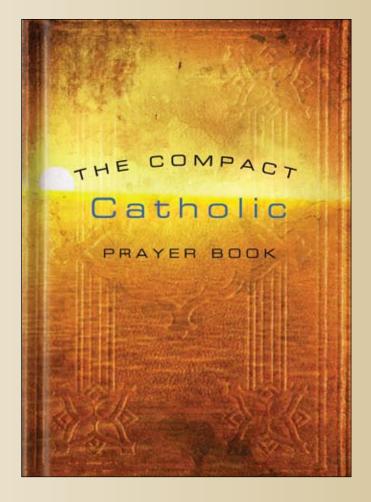
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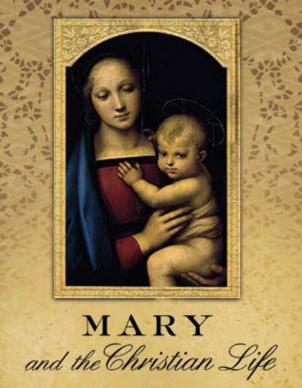
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The Rosary Handbook





SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST DISCIPLE

AMY WELBORN



Amy Welborn is the author of many books for adults and young people, including *The Words We Pray: Discovering the Richness of Traditional Catholic Prayer* and *Here. Now. A Catholic Guide to the Good Life.* The mother of five children, she lives in Indiana with her husband, Michael Dubrueil, and their family.

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Scriptural Reflections on the First Disciple

Amy Welborn

In this book by best-selling author Amy Welborn, Mary comes to life for us, both as the mother of Jesus and as his first disciple. Through her expressive and meditative style, Welborn offers fresh insights into Mary's story, with all of its wonder, love, and adversity. Each moment in Mary's life serves as a mirror for us, showing us how we, as Jesus' disciples, can open ourselves in the same way to whatever he wants for us. Throughout the book, Welborn provides her own unique perspective, both as a mother of five and as a disciple writing in service of the church. Each chapter features selections about Mary from saints, popes, and church fathers along with explanations of the history behind popular Marian devotions, hymns, and prayers, from the Rosary to the Salve Regina.

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"Profound yet simple—and impossible to put down this book draws God's children into the life of our mother. All the doctrine is there, and all the history, but it's borne along by stories from the lives of the saints and sketches from the Church's many traditions of worship and art, music and poetry. This is a family album for Christians to treasure. Buy a copy for yourself and one for lending. You'll want to discuss every chapter with a friend."

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Praying Our Experiences

An Invitation to Open Our Lives to God

Joseph F. Schmidt, FSC

Introduction by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR

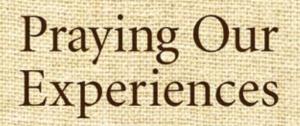
God wants us to share our lives and our hearts with him. In this updated and expanded edition of a spiritual classic, Christian Brother Joseph Schmidt gently leads us to recognize that honest reflection before God on the ordinary experiences of our lives is the very means of our spiritual growth. As we speak to God about our personal story, we can explore the significance of our unrest, our joys, our fears, and our hopes. Then the Holy Spirit will lead us to self-knowledge and the freedom to accept and appreciate ourselves and our lives as they are. This book goes beyond any specific way of praying to the very heart of prayer: intimacy with God.

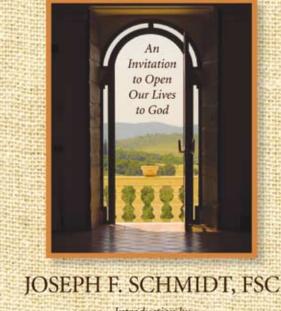
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> -Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, speaker and author, The Virtue Driven Life



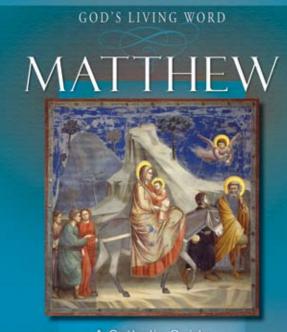


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Joseph F. Schmidt, FSC, is a lecturer, spiritual director, and counselor at Sangre de Cristo Center, an international sabbatical program located near Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is the author of *Everything Is Grace: The Life and Way of Thérèse of Lisieux* and *Praying with Thérèse of Lisieux*, both published by The Word Among Us Press.

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A Catholic Guide for Personal Study and Faith Sharing

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Steven Roe is a freelance editor and writer for major Catholic book and magazine publishers. He has worked on several best-selling Catholic publications, including Catholic Bibles and other Scripture-related resources. He is currently finishing his master's thesis on the capacity of blogs to spread

the ethical and spiritual teachings of Jesus Christ. He lives in Rochester, Minnesota, with his wife and two children.

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Heaven in You and You in Heaven

Unveiling Eternity on Earth

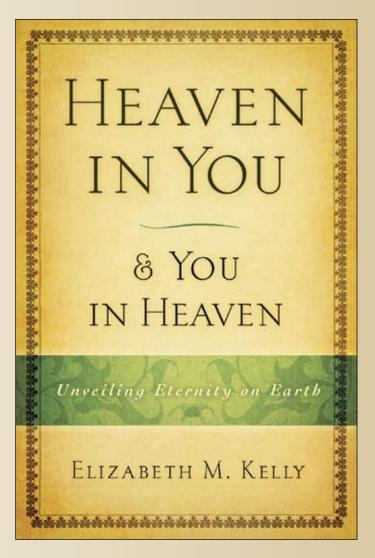
Elizabeth M. Kelly

We all long for heaven, and yet, we have only vague notions about what it's like. But maybe we've already been to heaven—maybe heaven is all around us and we simply don't see it. In this deeply thoughtful and inspiring book, popular author Elizabeth Kelly helps us to see our lives with "heavenly eyes." Drawing on our rich Catholic tradition, Kelly explores the attributes of heaven. She describes it as a community of protection, intercession, and unconditional love that is marked by beauty, joy, glory, mercy, justice, and rest. When we practice these qualities and hold them deep within our hearts, we draw closer to heaven—and heaven reaches down to meet us. This book will give readers a sense of eager anticipation for eternal life, and Kelly's lively writing style makes it a joy to read.

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"Liz Kelly is a beautiful writer. Drawing from the treasures of the saints and mystics, she stirs us to contemplate and wonder about the kingdom of heaven. She reminds us what the Scriptures say—that God has set eternity in every heart. And she helps us to see what the saints all see—that heaven begins on earth if we can learn to follow Christ's way of love."

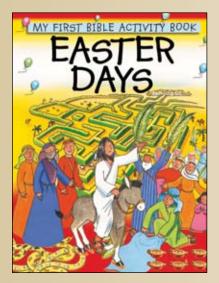
> -David Scott, author, The Catholic Passion and A Revolution of Love: The Meaning of Mother Teresa





Elizabeth Kelly is the author of both fiction and nonfiction books and a jazz singer who has released two CDs. She received a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Alaska and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas. Her book, *May Crowning, Mass, and Merton and Other Reasons I Love Being Catholic*, won first

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Leena Lane is the author of ten books and a former children's book editor for two Christian publishers. She lives in the south of England with her husband and three children.

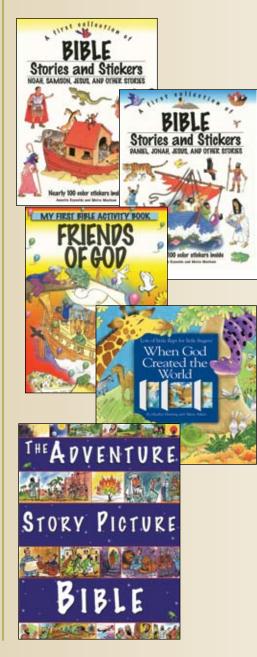
Anna Todd is an artist, designer, and illustrator as well as a teacher and lecturer.

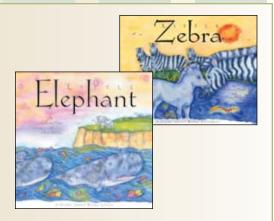
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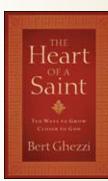
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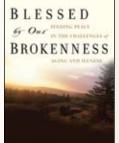
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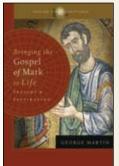
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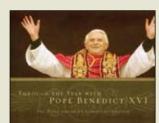
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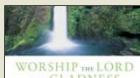
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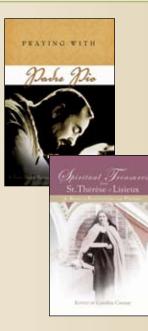
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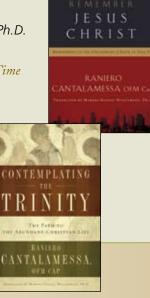
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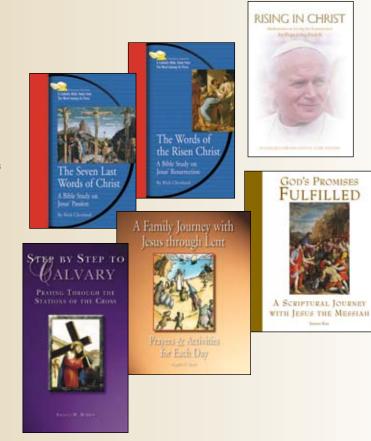
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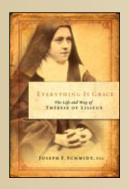
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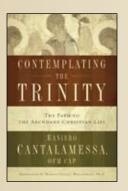
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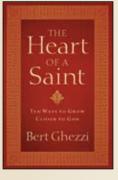
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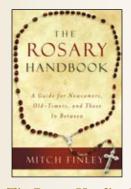
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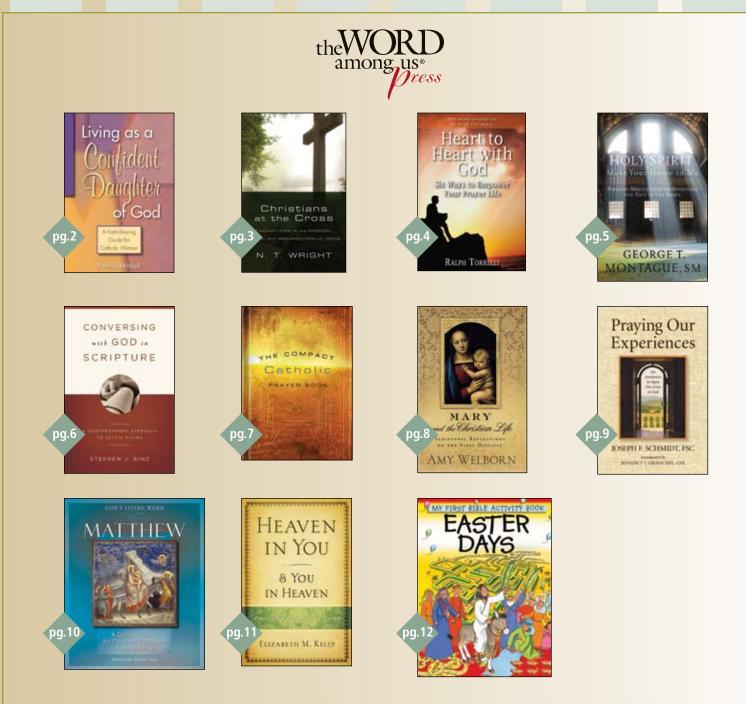
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