Come See What’s New in the Library

Transformed by God’s Word: Discovering the Power of Lectio and Visio Divina by Stephen J. Binz

Binz offers the first book to combine the ancient Western practice of *lectio divina* (sacred reading) with the lesser-known Eastern Orthodox tradition of *visio divina* (sacred seeing). Contemplation is more difficult than ever during this digital age and Binz offers a proven and profound way to cut through the noise and pray the gospels. He will walk you through six steps: reading, seeing, meditating, praying, contemplating, and acting. Binz also provides simple suggestions for self-reflection that can lead to practical changes in your everyday life.

Find a Real Friend in Jesus: Ten Amazingly Easy Steps by Gary Zimak

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, it’s possible to forge a deeper and richer relationship with Jesus. In Zimak’s newest book, you’ll explore lives in the Bible that were changed forever because of encounters with Jesus. Learn concrete steps that you can take to grow your friendship with Him. Are you ready to invite Jesus more deeply into your life? If your answer is “Yes,” Find a Real Friend in Jesus will direct you on the greatest adventure of your life.

Breath of God: Living a Life Led by the Holy Spirit by Dave Pivonka

In this essential guide for those who want to recognize and receive the Holy Spirit, Franciscan priest Dave Pivonka takes readers on his journey as a twenty-something Catholic encountering the Holy Spirit and Charismatic movement for the first time. *Breath of God* dives into the scriptures that convinced Pivonka to pursue a life in the Spirit and shows readers how God’s Spirit is present and active in everyday life. Pivonka’s experience and compelling stories of faith from the lives of those to whom he ministers demonstrate how receiving the Holy Spirit allows the love between the Father and the Son, which animated Jesus’ life on earth, to pour into the hearts of God’s people.

The Church Is Our Mother: Seven Ways She Inspires Us to Love by Gina Loehr

Why do we refer to the Church as she or Mother Church? What does this reveal about the nature of the Church and the nature of motherhood?” Each chapter explores one theme mothers and Mother Church have in common: creation, caring, teaching, acceptance, sacrifice, healing, and celebration. A study guide offers relevant meditations from the liturgy, the Catechism, the saints and the sacraments. Both a personal memoir and a universal call to understanding, The Church Is Our Mother will act as a springboard for other women to delve ever more deeply into the beautiful mystery of Mother Church, and offers a new perspective on the tremendous importance of the vocation of motherhood itself.

Fearless: Stories of the American Saints by Alice Camille

The lives of the saints who helped build the Catholic Church in the United States—Frances Cabrini, Isaac Jogues, John Neumann, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Damien de Veuster, among others—are marked by strength, courage, determination, and sanctity. What makes the stories of the thirteen men and women in *Fearless* so compelling is that a distinctly American way of holiness begins to emerge from their lives and their work. *Fearless* will bring the reader through the history of the Catholic Church in America in an intimate and personal way, with the stories of the saints and blessed who helped Christianity become part of this country’s fabric.
The Drama of Salvation: How God Rescues You from Your Sins and Delivers You to Eternal Life by Jimmy Akin

Where Will You Spend Eternity? Few people understand what Jesus did or how it affects us. Worse yet, there are endless squabbles between Christians of different persuasions, leading to confusion. Akin uses his expertise in Scripture and Church teaching to cut through the confusion and provide clear answers on important issues like: --What we need to do to be saved --Whether salvation is a one-time event or a process --Whether penance is part of God’s plan --How faith and works relate - -What the Church teaches about justification --How far apart Protestants and Catholics are on this question. No other book takes on these questions with the clarity and precision that Akin brings to them.

Finding God's Presence in Our Life: Faith, Prayer, and Action by Peter M. Kalellis

Finding God's Presence in Our Life invites us to meet God in person and to sense his presence. It offers the opportunity to look into our hearts and to verify our intimacy with Jesus Christ. The aim of this book is to touch the inner self, the soul. It follows what Epicurus, a fourth century philosopher, claimed: It is never too early or too late to care for the well-being of the soul. Many people comment that the rewards that society has to offer—including prestige, power, money, sex, entertainment, and material goods—are ultimately distractions and potential hindrances to living a more meaningful, fulfilling, and rewarding life. Learning to live in God's presence maximizes inner peace and provides healthier life and spiritual growth.

How to Be Holy: First Steps in Becoming a Saint by Peter Kreeft

Kreeft admits that he is only a beginner on the climb to holiness, and it is to novices like him that he has written this engaging and encouraging book. Using the insights and experiences of saints and great spiritual writers throughout history, Kreeft shows what holiness is and how it can be achieved. He especially draws upon the spiritual classic Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade, S.J. The core of Caussade's timeless gem is that God reveals himself to all of us through the daily events of our lives. The surest way toward spiritual growth, therefore, is by perceiving and accepting the merciful will of God in every situation. Sanctity is love, he asserts, and only that can give us what we all long for—deep and lasting joy.

Diaries of the Chinese Martyrs by Gerolamo Fazzini

With tens of millions killed and thousands of Catholics incarcerated, China under Mao's dictatorship was the Asian version of the Nazi concentration camps and the Soviet Gulag. It's one of the darkest moments in Church history. Now the stories of these brave Catholic counter-revolutionaries are brought to you for the first time. These four autobiographical testimonies will leave you speechless and inspired. There emerged from these souls the crystalline faith of those brave enough to accept their own Calvary for fidelity to Christ without ever becoming slaves of hatred.

Answering the New Atheism: Dismantling Dawkins' Case Against God by Scott Hahn

The essential book for dismantling Richard Dawkins' atheistic agenda. Scott Hahn and Benjamin Wiker collaborate to debunk Dawkins’ theories and show how inconsistent and illogical his conclusions truly are. This is the definitive book for college students or faithful Christians hoping to answer Dawkins’ claims and assert the logic and beauty of their faith.
A Catholic Guide to Caring for Your Aging Parent by Monica Dodd

A Catholic Guide to Caring for Your Aging Parent is a comprehensive guide for caregivers. Dodd insists that faith is a fundamental part of caregiving, and her approach is deeply rooted in Catholic spirituality. She shows adult children how they can love and serve their aging parents better by deepening their own spiritual lives. "Caregiving", she says, "is a time of many grace-filled moments." Dodd explains how to properly assess the needs of a failing older person, and she writes in detail about the physical, mental, emotional, interpersonal, and spiritual dimensions of care. Three extensive appendices provide checklists for assessing needs, a compilation of resources, and an anthology of prayers.

The Four Keys to Everlasting Love: How Your Catholic Marriage Can Bring You Joy for a Lifetime by Manuel P. Santos

How can you maintain a healthy Catholic marriage when society is pushing against it? The Santoses draw on real-life stories, scriptural principles, and the timeless wisdom of St. John Paul II to help you celebrate the sacrament of Marriage without downplaying the difficulties of married life. They will inspire you to stay in love with each other, Christ, and the wisdom of the Church. The Santoses tell their own story as well: how they learned not to cling to personality, culture, or religious differences; learned to put family first; overcome health crises that exacted a physical, emotional, and spiritual toll; and how they navigated stressful holiday get-togethers with extended family. They let God transform them and make their marriage stronger.

Don't Panic!: How to Keep Going When the Going Gets Tough by Maureen Pratt

However they begin, crises can prompt questions about mortality, God, purpose, commitment and truth that can set our heads spinning. We might doubt all that we’ve known to be true. Using science, personal experiences and inspiration from the lives of others, Pratt asserts that “the times that try men’s souls” can, in fact, strengthen us. Memories of surviving them can give us greater courage. And most importantly, they enable us to witness how the Spirit works no matter what might be falling apart around us. For anyone dealing with out-of-control events, this book will be a welcome guide to nurturing the internal resources given us directly by the creator—among them creativity, adaptability, foresight and compassion—that enable us to be stable when we are shaken and safe when we are bruised.

Your [Imperfect] Holy Family: See the Good, Make It Better by Robert J. Hater

What does it mean to be a Catholic family in today’s world? Just in time for the visit of Pope Francis to the World Meeting of Families, Father Robert Hater explains that families come in all configurations and that we all have a family to celebrate. He offers practical tips for enhancing your family’s Catholic identity and helps you to recognize that, while every family has its imperfection, each is a community of people who can help one another on the road to holiness. He offers practical suggestions for family activities and gives you a new understanding of your family’s role in the Church and in your own life.


Confusion, wilderment, and a lack of direction commonly surface in the aftermath of a death. It’s also the time when dealing with the issues and emotions of the experience can lead to making hasty or unwise decisions. Auz and Andrews offer concise, practical, topic-based lists and suggestions to help people immediately after a loss. The authors draw on their research and personal experiences to provide short but solid answers to help grieving people successfully deal with the countless issues and varied emotions that a person’s death is sure to thrust upon them.
The Eucharist and the Rosary: Mystery, Meditation, Power, Prayer by Matt Swaim

Swaim takes a unique approach to Rosary devotion in exploring the many facets of the mysteries of the Rosary found in the Mass. Meditations on scripture through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary become ever new and inspirational when connected directly to the celebration of the Eucharist. All twenty mysteries of the rosaries are considered and each chapter offers suggestions at the end to help you deepen your awareness of Christ’s love. Swaim offers insight and clarity as he explains the significance of the mysteries of the Rosary in our daily lives. As a convert to Catholicism, Matt shares his vibrant, mature faith in a wise and witty handbook to make the Rosary more accessible and meaningful as a form of prayer and meditation.

Illuminating the Way: Embracing the Wisdom of Monks and Mystics by Christine Paintner

Paintner, Abbess of the online retreat center Abbey of the Arts, explores how the lives and spirituality of twelve monks and mystics offer distinct patterns of thought that will lead you to a deeper understanding of your strengths and areas of growth and will guide you on the path to your true spiritual identity. In Illuminating the Way, Paintner takes you on a journey through your inner life accompanied by twelve great monks and mystics from the Christian tradition. Each figure invites you to discover the energy and potential of a particular archetype—the inner sage in Benedict; the inner visionary in Hildegard of Bingen; and the inner orphan in Dorothy Day. From the prophet Miriam of the Hebrew scriptures to twentieth century monk Thomas Merton, Paintner offers an array of challenging and enlivening models to explore.

Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments by Pope Francis

The Sacraments are not mere appearances, they are not rituals; they are the power of Christ; Jesus Christ is present in the Sacraments." - Pope Francis

Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick - as Catholics we are familiar with the sacraments, and see them as mileposts in our lives. But, as Pope Francis reminds us, they are not simply observances, they are portals through which the Lord brings us all the power and graces that flow from his death and Resurrection. And wonderfully, each sacrament opens us to a personal encounter with Jesus.

Infinite Bandwidth: Encountering Christ in the Media by Eugene Gan

Franciscan University of Steubenville Professor Eugene Gan authors this first-of-its-kind Catholic roadmap for the digital age. From Church documents on social communications, Gan extracts seven principles or media keys of how to approach and use media. The Church and Gan say that we must enter the modern-day Areopagus, the social and intellectual hub of ancient Athens where Paul preached to pagans, and use the media tools God has given us to make truth known and serve mankind.

Scripture Matters: Essays on Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church by Scott Hahn

Popular author and scholar Dr. Scott Hahn has released a collection of essays on the study and interpretation of Scripture from a Catholic perspective. Aptly titled Scripture Matters: Essays on Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church, Dr. Hahn takes a penetrating look into the depths of Scripture, showing the reader how to uncover its many layers of meaning and inspiration. Scripture Matters serves both as an instructional guide to reading the Bible and as a delightful meditation on the grandeur of God's Word. Dr. Hahn effectively illustrates his discussion with the writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Cardinal Ratzinger, and other exemplary scholars of Scripture who truly speak "from the heart of the Church."
Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference: Helping Your Family Live with Integrity, Value Simplicity, and Care for Others by Susan Vogt

Raising kids to be socially conscious and embrace strong values can be difficult in today's world. In *Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*, mother, counselor, and family-life educator Susan Vogt sets out to inspire, equip, and comfort parents in the awesome task of raising Catholic kids who will make positive contributions to our world. Using a delightful blend of honesty and humor, Vogt offers successful parenting strategies and straightforward discussions on important issues such as sexuality, substance abuse, materialism, racism, global awareness, and death.

Catholic Guide to Depression by Aaron Kheriaty and John Cihak

Catholic psychiatrist Aaron Kheriaty reviews the effective ways that have been devised to deal with this grave and sometimes deadly affliction -- ways that are not only consistent with the teachings of the Church, but even rooted in many of those teachings. Learn to distinguish depression from similar-looking but fundamentally different mental states such as guilt, sloth, and the darkness of sin. Learn to identify the various types of depression and come to understand the interplay of their often manifold causes, biological, psychological, behavioral, cultural, and moral. Learn about exciting breakthroughs in pharmacological and other medical treatments, the benefits and limitations of psychotherapy, the critical place that spiritual direction must have in your healing, and the vital role that hope -- Christian hope -- can play in driving out depression.

Advice Worth Ignoring: How Tuning Out the Experts Can Make You a Better Parent by Dr. Ray Guarendi

Dr. Guarendi identifies fifty of the most common child-related truisms and parenting myths that can often mislead and undercut parents, and explains how the virtues of prudence, temperance and fortitude can help any parent discern the best course of action for his or her own family. Covering a range of ages and stages, from the early years (“It’s a stage; it will pass”) to the teenage years (“Don’t make your child lie”), this book gives dedicated parents the tools they need to spot the hidden assumptions colored by pop psychology, and make parenting choices that are consistent with raising up good Catholic kids.

The Joys and Challenges of Family Life: Catholic Husbands and Fathers Speak Out by Kevin Lowry, Brandon McGinley

"You may want to live like a bachelor, but those days are behind you, chief." So says the man in the mirror on those days when he just wants to hang out with his buddies. This internal dialogue isn't foreign to most husbands or dads - including the eight regular guys who share their stories in this book. They've all dealt with the tough, crazy, scary, fun, and always humbling aspects of being a husband and dad in the 21st century, including: fatherhood for the first time (or lots of times), infertility, raising kids in the faith, technology and family life, the porn war and much more. Hang out with these men and find out how they are navigating all the stuff that makes up family life in contemporary society with the help of their Catholic faith.

Marriage 911: How God Saved Our Marriage (and Can Save Yours, Too!) by Greg and Julie Alexander

Greg and Julie thought divorce was the only way out of their lifeless, loveless marriage. Quite unexpectedly, a faithful priest guided them back to the truths of the church, and as they began to incorporate these truths into their lives, they were able to restore the love they once had for each other. *Marriage 911* chronicles their journey back from the brink of divorce to marital happiness built on a strong Catholic faith.
Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Child to God by Judy Landrieu Klein
How do you walk with your children during times of struggle and crisis? Do you feel as if nothing you do will be enough? Where do you find peace? In this heartfelt book for moms who struggle to guide children through the various stages of their lives, Catholic speaker and teacher Judy Landrieu Klein shows how her own crisis of faith helped her release her children to the care of the Blessed Mother. In doing so, Klein shows you how to find the love, joy, and peace of Our Lord as you surrender your will to him.

The Gospel Way of Mary: A Journey of Trust and Surrender by Cardinal Carlo Martini
Martini takes us on a journey through Scripture of key events in the life of Mary. With keen and profound insight, he helps us see these familiar passages as a journey of trust and surrender not only for Mary but for us as well. This journey requires us to make a fundamental choice for God and make peace with his mysterious ways. Martini reflects on Mary’s night of faith as well as her emotional life, relating these to our own experiences of hardship and suffering. He concludes by showing how true Marian devotion can enrich our lives. For anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of Mary and their relationship with her. Encourages reflection and prayer on the challenges we face on our own path to the Lord.

Twelve Little Ways to Transform Your Heart: Lessons in Holiness and Evangelization from St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Susan Muto
Susan Muto explores twelve facets of St. Thérèse's simple spiritual path as a way to personal holiness and the secret to being a powerful witness to Christ in the world today. The "Little Flower's" humility and childlike trust are still powerful examples of how ordinary people can grow closer to Jesus and respond to Pope Francis's call for a new evangelization. The calls to holiness and to witness to Christ can seem daunting, but as Susan Muto—renowned speaker and expert on Carmelite spirituality—explains, Thérèse shows us that they are neither difficult nor dramatic. The Little Way can be lived by any of us, even with what Thérèse called the "ministry of the smile."

Remade for Happiness: Achieving Life's Purpose Through Spiritual Transformation by Fulton J. Sheen
When asked, "What's wrong with the world?" G.K. Chesterton famously replied simply, "I am." We want to be happy and yet we often seem to be the source of our own unhappiness, as well as that of others. Our lives — as blessed as they may be — have their share of sadness and disappointment. How do we respond? In this classic work, Sheen explains the secret of authentic happiness: being spiritually remade. A genuinely spiritual life, Sheen contends, consists in more than obeying a set of commands, reading the Bible, or even following the example of Jesus. Before all else, it consists in being recreated and incorporated into a new, higher kind of life—the supernatural life of grace — and in being brought into a new kind of spiritual relationship, as a child of God through Jesus Christ.

Light on the Dark Passages of Scripture by Mark Giszczak
Does God kill people? Does God want people to kill people? Why do the innocent suffer? Is Hell a just punishment? The Old Testament God vs. New Testament God, are they the same person? You may have had these questions cross your mind or you've heard your non-believing friends ask these questions to justify their disbelief. How do we reconcile these questions with our Faith in a loving, just God? We CAN work through these difficult passages and arrive at a deeper knowledge of who God really is, leading to a closer relationship with him. Light on the Dark Passages of Scripture guides you through God's revelation, interpreting challenging texts, providing reasonable answers to nagging questions, and showing the mercies of a loving God.
Jesus: A Historical Portrait by Daniel J. Harrington S.J.

Was Jesus a feminist? Who really killed Jesus? Did all those miracles actually happen? How do we know who Jesus is? How are we supposed to know what Jesus really said? How does Jesus' Judaism fit in with our salvation as Christians? Employing a popular take on current New Testament scholarship, Jesuit scholar Father Daniel Harrington explores difficult as well as less complicated issues surrounding the life of Christ. By helping us to place Jesus in a historically accurate context, Father Harrington helps us to better understand the real Jesus, and ultimately, our salvation.

Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead? by Carl E. Olson

Using a question-and-answer format, this book examines the historical evidence concerning the fate of Jesus. Did Jesus really die on the cross? If so, what became of his body? Was it stolen? Is the resurrection a cleverly devised plot to found a new religion? Is the Resurrection of Jesus a myth developed decades later, after the original disciples' experience of Jesus was distorted by a subsequent generation? Or did Jesus rise from the dead, as he promised and as his disciples came to believe and sacrifice their lives to proclaim? Carl Olson carefully weighs the evidence with in-depth analysis. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, be prepared to have your thinking challenged by this provocative and insightful book.

A Second Look: Encountering the True Jesus by Mark Hart

What do the magi, a rich kid, a short tax collector, a thirsty woman from Samaria, a boy with some bread and fish, a burly fisherman, and a Jewish official, have in common with YOU? An encounter with Jesus. Each chapter invites you to take A Step Beyond with thought-provoking questions and challenges to dig deeper into the themes. Hart brings each of these stories into vivid focus through Scripture, the saints, and his own real-life reflections. Are you willing to take a second look at the Jesus you currently know and allow Him to speak into your life in exciting and daunting new ways?

These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body

by Emily Stimpson

It was Blessed John Paul II's greatest gift to the Church: The theology of the body. A window into who we are, the theology of the body is a theology for the rooms where we make love. But it’s also a theology for the rooms where we work, where we eat, where we laugh, and where we pray. These Beautiful Bones takes you on a walk through those rooms. With both humor and practical wisdom, it sheds light on what the theology of the body has to say about life beyond the bedroom, about the everyday moments of life, helping you discover how to let grace enter into those moments and make of them something extraordinary.

Light in the Darkness: The Teaching of Fr. James Keller, M.M. and the Christophers by Fr. Jonathan Morris

In 1945, Father James Keller saw a world at war, the beginnings of the cold war, and divisions at home. He was a man who believed that against all odds one person could make a difference - so he started a grass-roots movement called The Christophers - literally "Christbearers" - in the belief that each individual has a role in bringing hope and change to a troubled world. And the response was staggering. The world was hungry for the message, and embraced Fr. Keller's motto: "IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT ONE CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS."
**Own Yourself: How to Form Your Conscience by William J. O'Malley**

How do you make yourself an adult rather than just hoping it happens to you? Owning Yourself explores the ethical and moral issues that young people will need to address as adults in "the real world." It not only analyses the truths about being a decent human, it questions whether they "ring true"—do they lead to a richer, worthier human life? In learning that no one can legitimately objectify a human being, Owning Yourself guides us in owning our potential as humans and setting it in motion toward its richest kind of fulfillment.

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**St. Benedict's Guide to Improving Your Work Life: Workplace as Worthspace by Michael Rock**

St. Benedict's Guide to Improving the Workplace has its origins in a seven-year study of the problem of workplace disengagement in light of contemporary understandings of emotional intelligence and spirituality. With the wisdom of The Rule of St. Benedict, Michael Rock shows us how to transform a lifeless and mundane job into a meaningful vocation. This small book gathers insights Rock's teaching, counselling experiences and personal life journey.

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**True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life by Lisa Mladinich**

The promise of True Radiance is simple: Prayerful, faith-filled women become more beautiful as they age, not less. As a woman matures spiritually, as she grows in wisdom and holiness, she increasingly reflects a radiant inner beauty that touches others in countless ways. If you've ever felt negative about the onset of middle age, this book can help you redefine your perception of aging. Along the way, you'll gain a greater understanding of the possibilities for relevance, value, and contribution waiting to be discovered. Positive, personal, and practical advice from fellow traveler Lisa Mladinich will inspire and motivate you to thrive in the second half of life.

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**Seven Saints for Seven Virtues by Jean M. Heimann**

To live a virtuous life might seem like a daunting task, but we are fortunate to have examples to follow—the saints who have faced sin through the embodiment and exemplification of virtue. In this book, the reader will meet seven saints who lived seven virtues, and will discover concrete ways that they can live those virtues in their own lives. Seven Saints for Seven Virtues covers a wide range of spirituality and life circumstances, demonstrating that everyone, in every role of life, has the opportunity to live a virtuous life.

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**Keep Your Kids Catholic: Sharing Your Faith and Making It Stick by Marc Cardaronella**

Many Catholic parents are tempted to leave the religious education and spiritual formation of their children up to their parish or Catholic school. Professional catechist, popular blogger, and father of two, Marc Cardaronella has a passionate plea for those parents: be your child's primary educator in the faith by what you do and say. This practical guide gives parents what they need to be a bigger partner in handing on the faith to their children by creating a faith-nurturing environment at home.