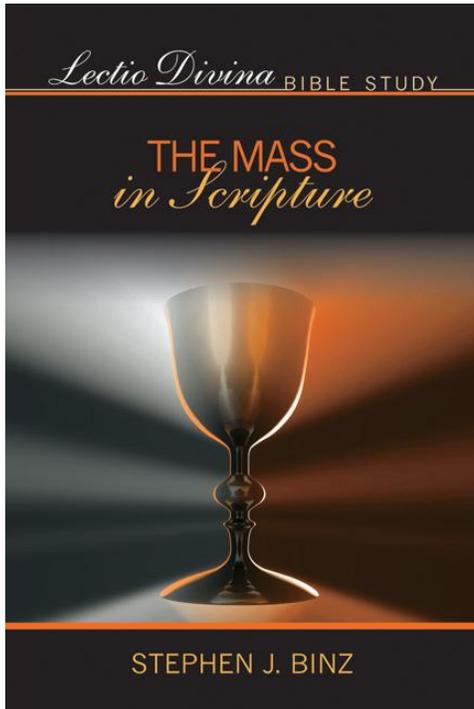


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## Our Sunday Visitor book wins first place in Catholic Publisher awards

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, June 13, 2012 – **Lectio Divina: The Mass in Scripture** by Stephen J. Binz (Our Sunday Visitor, 2011) was recently earned first place in the “Excellence in Publishing” awards from the Association of Catholic Publishers. The honor was presented at the 2012 Religious Booksellers Trade Exhibit on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The Mass in Scripture** earned the top spot in the Prayer and Spirituality category. His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington DC, calls the book “a well-organized and clearly written guide that can only heighten appreciation for the inexhaustible riches of our Catholic Mass.”

The book was released last year to coincide with the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal. In his book, Binz explores the Biblical foundation for each element of the Mass. **The Mass in Scripture** is beneficial for individual study as well as for group study at the parish level. Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of immersing oneself in scripture, where studying leads to meditation, internalization, and ultimately, action.

“Stephen Binz invites us to move beyond the surface words we say to the meaning of what we do,” stated Kathleen Hughes, R.S.C.J., former Professor of the Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union.

**The Mass in Scripture** is one of a series of four Lectio Divina Bible studies by Binz. **The Sacraments in Scripture, Learning to Pray in Scripture**, and the fourth and final, **The Creed in Scripture**, due to be released in November, 2012.

**The Creed in Scripture**, like **The Mass in Scripture**, will be a timely resource for Catholics to study the summary of the central truths of the Faith during Pope Benedict's *Year of Faith*, which spans September 2012 through October 2013.

"A more penetrating knowledge of the truths of faith evokes a deeper faith and a more ardent desire for God," writes Binz in the book's introduction. "It is the church that first believes, and this faith of the church is what supports, nourishes, and sustains the belief of individuals."

**The Creed in Scripture** is available for pre-order at [osv.com/catalog](http://osv.com/catalog). Stephen Binz's other titles, including the ACP "Excellence in Publishing" award-winner **The Mass in Scripture**, are available now from [osv.com/catalog](http://osv.com/catalog), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and Barnes and Noble.

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