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SPIRITUAL REFERENCE MATERIAL

Stephen J. Binz, **“Conversing with God in Scripture, A Contemporary Approach to Lectio Divina.”** The Word Among Us Press, Ijamsville, Maryland 2008. \$14.00, 150-page book. Mr. Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar, author and popular speaker. The author has written this book, “to offer a concise and lucid overview of this practice (*lectio divina*) of prayerful reading of Scripture.”

Thomas Keating, **“Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit.”** Lantern Books New York, New York 2007. \$14, 110-page book.

Gregory F. A. Pierce, **“The Mass Is Never Ended.”** Ave Maria Press Notre Dame, Indiana 2007. \$10.95, 126-page book. “After the blessing, the deacon or the priest dismisses the people with these words: ‘Ite, Missa est.’ These words help us to grasp the relationship between the Mass just celebrated and the mission of Christians in the world. . . . The People of God might be helped to understand more clearly this essential dimension of the Church’s life, taking the dismissal as a starting-point.” Pope Benedict XVI, *The Sacrament of Charity*, 51. Examining the Mass through the lens of the dismissal, Greg Pierce reveals how our Christian mission has not changed since Jesus gave it to the original disciples and that our daily work aims toward building the kingdom of God.