

St. Francis Xavier Church

The First African American Catholic Community in the Country
Founded 1793

Served by the Josephites since 1871

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Holy Days: 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

except when the Holy Day falls on a Monday

Holiday, Mass and Novena will be at 8:00 AM only

Weekdays

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM followed by Bible Study

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Confessions

Before Masses or by appointments

Marriages

Notify the rectory at least 6 months in advance

Baptisms

*The Sacrament of Baptism is conferred
on the Fourth Sunday, at 2 PM.*

Notify the rectory at least 1 month in advance

Funerals

*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

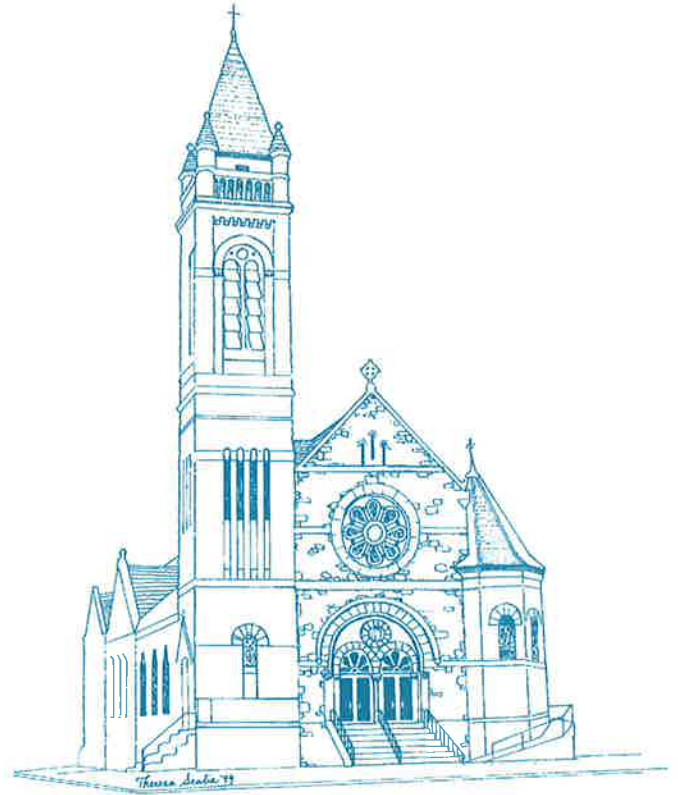
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

Pastor

Religious Education

Joslyn Alexander, Director

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THE JOSEPHITES

"Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercessions in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore of men and means for our seminary, college and novitiate. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Amen"

Mission Statement for St. Francis Xavier Church

In the tradition of the oldest African-American Catholic Church in the United States, St. Francis Xavier is committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our parishioners and our surrounding community.

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REFLECTION

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit!"

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14). Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P. M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In recognition of the members of KPC Court # 323 celebrating birthdays in May

11:00 A.M. People of the parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for Harry Butler, also in memory of his wife, Dorothy, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. For all the sick in the parish, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Mary Parker and the other deceased members of our parish, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. In memory of all the deceased souls in the Burley Family, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:36-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-27
Gospel: Matthews 28:16-20



SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Meditation



"And the Scripture gives us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled" Rom. 15:4

Day	Date	Gospel
Mon.	May 21, 2018	Mark 9:14-29
Tues.	May 22, 2018	Mark 9:30-37
Wed.	May 23, 2018	Mark 9:38-40
Thurs.	May 24, 2018	Mark 9:41-50
Fri.	May 25, 2018	Mark 10:1-12
Sat.	May 26, 2018	Mark 10:13-16

Special Announcements

No impromptu announcements. Please make sure that if you have any announcements they have been approved by Father Xavier first.

Bereavement Committee

Bereavement Ministry Meeting with Father Xavier. Please mark your calendar for a breakfast meeting with members of the Bereavement ministry and those intended to join this ministry. Fr. Xavier will hold an overhaul meeting on Saturday June 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the undercroft meeting room.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Attention:

Inserted in the bulletin is a Family Census Sheet. To clean up our database, we are asking each family to complete one per family indicating any deceased members. You can place the completed form in an envelope and return to the church in the offering baskets to avoid postage. Please return by May 30, 2018.

Special Thanks

The family of Mrs. Mary Parker wishes to thank Father Xavier Edet, The Ladies Sodality, The Catholic Daughters Ct. # 2257, Mrs. Evelyn Bowman and the Sunrise Choir, the Lectors and all others for your prayers, support and the many kind expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement.

The Parker Family.

With Deepest Sympathy

The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier extends their condolences to Mary Williams and family with the loss of her granddaughter Rachel Williams. The memorial service will be held at St Francis on Saturday May 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Notices

Religious Education

May

20th Class

26th First Communion/Confirmation
rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m. – Noon

27th Class - First Communion /
Confirmation



Next Sunday May 27, 2018 will be the last day for Sunday School classes. Please make sure that your children continue to attend Mass during the summer. Registration for the fall will start in August.

Next Sunday May 27th, Tristan Demarco Coates and Jayden Jamal Johnson will celebrate First Holy Communion.

Also, on that day we welcome Bishop Roy Edward Campbell Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington who will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to Greer Rebecca Ayres, Warrick, Cunningham, Vincent Zachary Hill, Amirah Tanajah Miles and Karlo Nicholas Norwood. Please remember these children in your prayers that they may be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

We owe gratitude to our wonderful catechists whom have given so generously of their time to prepare our children for the sacrament of Confirmation: Randolph Smith, and Fred Jones and First Eucharist: Beryl Graham and Janet Wiggins.

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Special Notices

Important Note, Envelope Users

When submitting one check for multiple envelopes, please include the amount on each envelope. In addition, please make sure that the amount you are recording on the outside of the envelope is the same as the funds that you are placing inside of the envelope. Both things are very important to ensure that your offering is accurately recorded. Please write or print legibly. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are still receiving envelopes being returned because of change of address. Please call the office if you have moved or if you no longer want to receive your envelopes.



Prayer Walk

Join Bishop Madden for his next prayer walk on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by St Ann's Church at 2201 Greenmount Ave.

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We also thank Kirk Gaddy for giving generously of his time by preparing and coordinating the family catechetical sessions. Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we celebrate these sacraments that are the foundation of our catholic faith.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

*Please Keep In Your Prayers
All sick and shut- in SFX Parishioners*

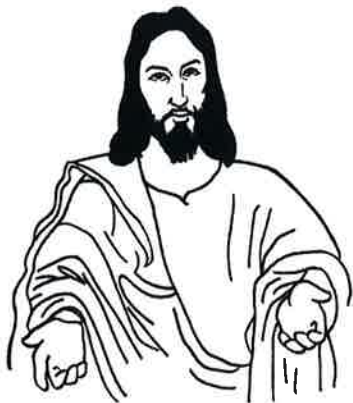
Employment Opportunity

Needed! Choir Director! St. Ann's Church is seeking an experienced Director of Music for their Gospel Choir. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office @410-235-8169 or email St. Ann's Church @STANN528@comcast.net.



SIGHT AND SOUND

SFX Circle Club is hosting a day trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see the production of "Jesus" on Saturday, June 30th, 2018. Cost of the trip is \$165.00 which is due now. No exceptions. Darleen Thomas 410-727-3103. Few seats are still available. Please plan to join your church members for this holy experience.



For Your Information

Please Note:

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, or if you know of someone who is, Please Contact the Parish office, 410-727-3103. Please also remember to contact the office to advise us when to remove your name from the Sick and/or Shut-in Listing.

Mass Intentions

The normal donation for a Mass Request is \$5.00 and must be paid at the time of request. We will no longer take Mass requests over the telephone. Mass requests envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the church.

Address changed?

Please notify the office if you have moved for address changes.

Proper Church Etiquette

No cell phones or other electronic devices should be left on while in Church, especially during Mass. Also, please do not chew gum, eat or drink at anytime while you are in Church, especially when receiving Holy Communion our mouths should be free from all food items. Parents please do not bring potato chips or other foods to give your children during Mass. Food is being found in the Pews. Please give them snacks before Mass. If you cannot hear the Lector or other Ministers from the Altar, please raise your hand and do not yell out in Church, this is very disrespectful. We ask your full cooperation in adhering to these rules of etiquette.

Parish Membership/Census Update:

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support your Parish. Parishioners are requested to register at the church office, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or complete the following form:

Name _____

Street _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Change of telephone number/address
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Please cut out and drop in the Collection Basket or mail to the Rectory.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH Registration/Census Sheet **PLEASE PRINT** () New Registration () Renewal **CONFIDENTIAL**

1. Catholic Head of Household (Last, First Name, MI)		2. Maiden Name (if applicable)		3. Title - (Circle if used) Mr. Ms. Dr. Sr. Jr. II III. IV		4. Suffix - (Circle if used) I II III IV		For Office Use Only: Env. # _____ 2 nd ID _____	
5. Family Name (for mailing purposes)		6. Street Address		7. City/State/Zip Code		8. Home Phone #		9. Work Phone #	
11. Mailing Address (if different)		12. City/State/Zip Code		13. Email Address		14. Disability		10. Gender (Circle one) Male Female	
17. Family Status (Circle one) Catholic Marriage Single Married Separated Remarriage Divorced		18. Ethnicity (Circle those that apply) Caucasian Afro American Asian Native American Hispanic Other _____		19. Language (Circle those that apply) English Spanish German French Other _____		20. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		21. Highest Grade Completed (include degrees)	
24. Co-Head of Household Name (Last, First Name, MI)		25. Maiden Name (if applicable) Mr. Ms. Dr. Sr. Jr. II III IV		26. Title - (Circle if used) Mr. Ms. Dr. Sr. Jr. II III IV		27. Suffix - (Circle if used) Jr. Sr. II III IV		28. Family Status (Circle one) Catholic Married Married Remarriage Single Separated Divorced	
30. Name (for mailing purposes) Spouse Step-Parent Grandparent		31. Relationship to Head of Household Child Parent Stepchild Other _____		32. Ethnicity (Circle those that apply) Caucasian Afro American Asian Native American Hispanic Other _____		33. Language (Circle those that apply) English Spanish German French Other _____		29. Religion (Circle one) Catholic Jewish None Other Protestant	
35. Home Phone #		36. Work Phone #		37. Email Address		38. Gender (Circle one) Male Female		39. Occupation	
40. Skills & Talents		41. Disability		42. Highest Grade Completed (include degrees)		43. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		44. Highest Grade Completed (include degrees)	

Please fill in the information on ALL CHILDREN LIVING AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. Please use the keys in boxes 45, 46, 47 & 48.

43. Name (Child's Last name, First name, MI)	44. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	45. Gender M - Male F - Female	46. Ethnicity C - Caucasian H - Hispanic A - Asian NA - Native Am. AA - Afro Am. Other (Fill in Blank)	47. Status C - Child S - Stepchild G - Grandchild Other (Fill in Blank)	48. Religion C - Catholic P - Protestant Other (Fill in Blank)	49. School	50. Email Address	51. Grade
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								

Does the family receive the Catholic Review? Yes/ / No/ /
 Does the family receive tithing envelopes? Yes/ / No/ /
 If not, does the family wish to receive tithing envelopes? Yes/ / No/ /
 Would anyone in the family like more information on the parish or parish activities? Yes/ / No/ /
 Would any member of family like additional information on the Catholic Church? Yes/ / No/ /
 Comments:

Please fill out the following information for each family member.

If you were not baptized Catholic, please enter the information when you were officially received into the Catholic Church.

Please fill in the Parish Activities you participate in by using the numbers in the Key List below:

	52. Baptism			53. 1 st Communion			54. Penance			55. Confirmation			56. Marriage		
Head of household	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State
Co-Head of household	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State
Child #1	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State
Child #2	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State
Child #3	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State
Child #4	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State	Date	Parish	State

Parish Activities (Please circle those parish activities you are interested in joining.)

- ANGELIZATION**
- 13. Bereavement
 - 14. Evangelization Team
 - 15. Event Organizer
 - 16. Faith Sharing Group
 - 17. Mothers' Group
 - 18. Prey - sts
 - 19. Prayer Line
 - 20. Religious Bookstore
 - 21. Respect Life
 - 22. Rosary Society
 - 23. Trip Organizer
 - 24. Wokoring
 - 25. Newcomers

- LITURGY**
- 26. Altar Server
 - 27. Cantor
 - 28. Eucharistic Minister
 - 29. Greeters
 - 30. Lectors
 - 31. Sacristan
 - 32. Servers
 - 33. Choirs
 - 34. Adult
 - 35. Child

- EDUCATION**
- 36. Adult Religious
 - 37. Religious Ed. Com.
 - 38. Summer Bible School
 - 39. Sacramental prep
 - 40. Baptism
 - 41. Eucharist
 - 42. Reconciliation
 - 43. Confirmation
 - 44. Marriage
 - 45. Sponsor Couple
 - 46. Rites of Christian Initiation Adults

- YOUTH**
- 47. Rites of Christian Initiation Children
 - 48. Youth groups
 - 49. Junior
 - 50. Senior

- SERVICE**
- 51. Bereavement/Hospitality
 - 52. St. Vincent de Paul

- STEWARDSHIP**
- 53. Build. & Plan. Com.
 - 54. Development Com.
 - 55. Finance Committee
 - 56. Fund Raising Com.
 - 57. Hall Clean-up
 - 58. Maintenance Com.
 - 59. Parish Council
 - 60.

Take a new look at the Mass

“Mass is the same every week. I don’t always get something out of going.” Sound familiar? A ritual we know so well can seem predictable or even routine. Consider these gifts you get from attending Mass:

Open your mind to something new. Within the Mass are lots of intriguing, mysterious, or just plain interesting ideas. Listen during the Scripture readings, the homily, or the Eucharistic prayer for something that strikes you and talk with God about it. He’ll help open your mind to something new.



Help others without leaving your seat. We all know people near and far we would like to help. Distances and barriers disappear at Mass. When Jesus becomes present in the Eucharist, the entire Body of Christ is present. So you can pray for anyone you would like to support and the entire Body prays with you.

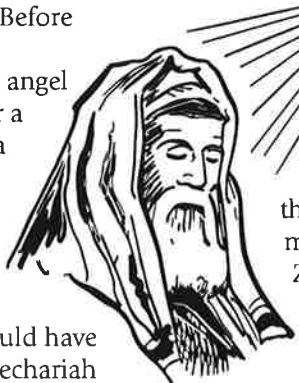
Make a change. Find at least one idea within the Mass that makes sense and seems possible and put it into practice. One new idea can change your life.

from Scripture

**Luke 1:57-66, 80,
God means what he says.**

Sometimes God has to take drastic action to get our attention. Before John the Baptist was born, Zechariah was visited by an angel and told that his prayers for a son would be answered in a miraculous way. He also said Zechariah’s son would prepare Israel for the long hoped-for Savior.

One might think that the appearance of an angel should have been enough to convince Zechariah of the truth of the message, but he was still skeptical that what the angel said was possible. He wasn’t listening with all his heart, so God shut Zechariah’s mouth



to make it easier for him to hear and see the truth.

When the baby was born, Zechariah demonstrated his obedience in deciding to name the child John, just as the angel had said, and his mouth was opened.

Zechariah’s first words showered praise on God and told the people around him of God’s faithfulness and awesome love. He reminded us that we can always trust God’s love and care. Listen for God’s voice and remember that all things are possible for God.

**Q My prayer life
& is dull. How can
A I spice it up?**

One of the struggles of many Catholics is “praying more.” More than an item on our to-do lists, prayer is meant to be a conversation between us



and the One who loves us. Here are some tips to “spice” it up:

When: Pick a time of the day to pray when you are alert and can do your best thinking. 15-20 minutes is recommended for best results. Pick a time and protect it.

What: With so many devotions to choose from, it can be hard to pray well in 20 minutes. Choose one devotion and set a number of days for it – two weeks, a month, two months. If the quality of your prayer didn’t improve afterwards, pick a different devotion.

Why: Many times, we go to God looking for answers, which is good. However, prayer’s purpose isn’t about getting information from God, but developing a relationship with him. The best thing we can do is be present to the one who loves us and wants to be with us.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (165). Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, “Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood.” He was martyred for his undying faith.

June 8 – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (1765). At the end of the seventeenth century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque began receiving visions of Jesus, who urged her to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart. The

image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame – the Sacred Heart – is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 29 – Saints Peter and Paul (1st Century). Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. The Gospels include some unflattering stories of Peter, showing that he was ordinary, made extraordinary by God’s grace. An early persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



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One Minute Meditations

St. Germaine Cousin

Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine had a deformed right hand, suffered from sores on her neck and was sickly from neglect and abuse. Despite her sufferings, she found comfort in God's presence, and prayed the Rosary while she tended the family sheep. She was generous with the poor, despite her own poverty. She even forgave her stepmother, who badly mistreated her. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdeses.



Mindfulness

When we make efforts to be fully aware and awake to everything we do and all that surrounds us, we become mindful of God's gifts and the grace available to us. "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). This takes practice, joyful effort, and discipline.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands."
Psalm 19:3



Spring cleaning for the soul

When a home is closed up during a long, stuffy winter, Spring is a time to open it up, air it out, and give it a brisk, thorough cleaning. The last few weeks of Spring offer us the opportunity for a brisk, thorough cleansing of our souls, too.

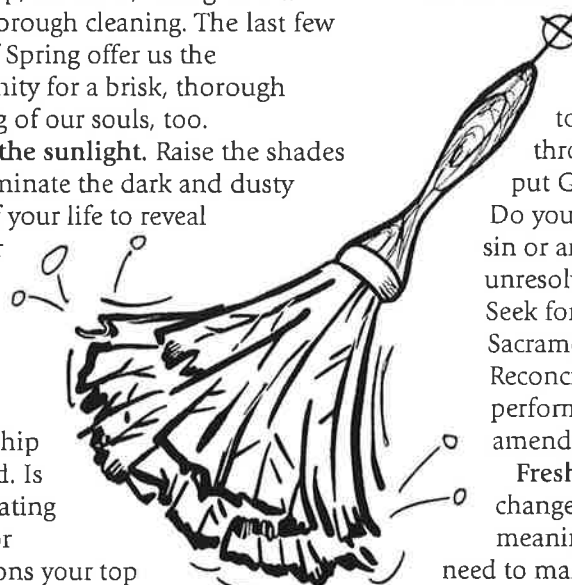
Let in the sunlight. Raise the shades and illuminate the dark and dusty places of your life to reveal whatever is keeping you from a close relationship with God. Is accumulating money or possessions your top priority? Are you trying harder to impress others than working to please God? Do bad habits (excessive food, alcohol, drugs) dominate your

life? Make an honest spiritual assessment and get busy cleaning.

Clear out cluttered closets. Is there something stuck in the corners of your conscience that needs to be cleaned out and thrown away so you can put God first in your life?

Do you harbor unconfessed sin or an old grudge or unresolved disagreement? Seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession), perform your penance, make amends, and let it go.

Freshen up. What spiritual change have you been meaning to make? Do you need to make weekly Mass more of a priority? Does your prayer life need refreshing? Have you wanted to learn more about your faith? Now is the time.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholic Bibles have more books than Protestant Bibles?

When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he chose to leave out the Old Testament books that weren't originally written in Hebrew: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees, and parts of Esther and Daniel.



However, the Catholic Church, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, confirmed that the books Luther removed are divinely inspired and chose to keep them (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #120). The Council of Trent (1545-1563) affirmed the current composition of the Bible.