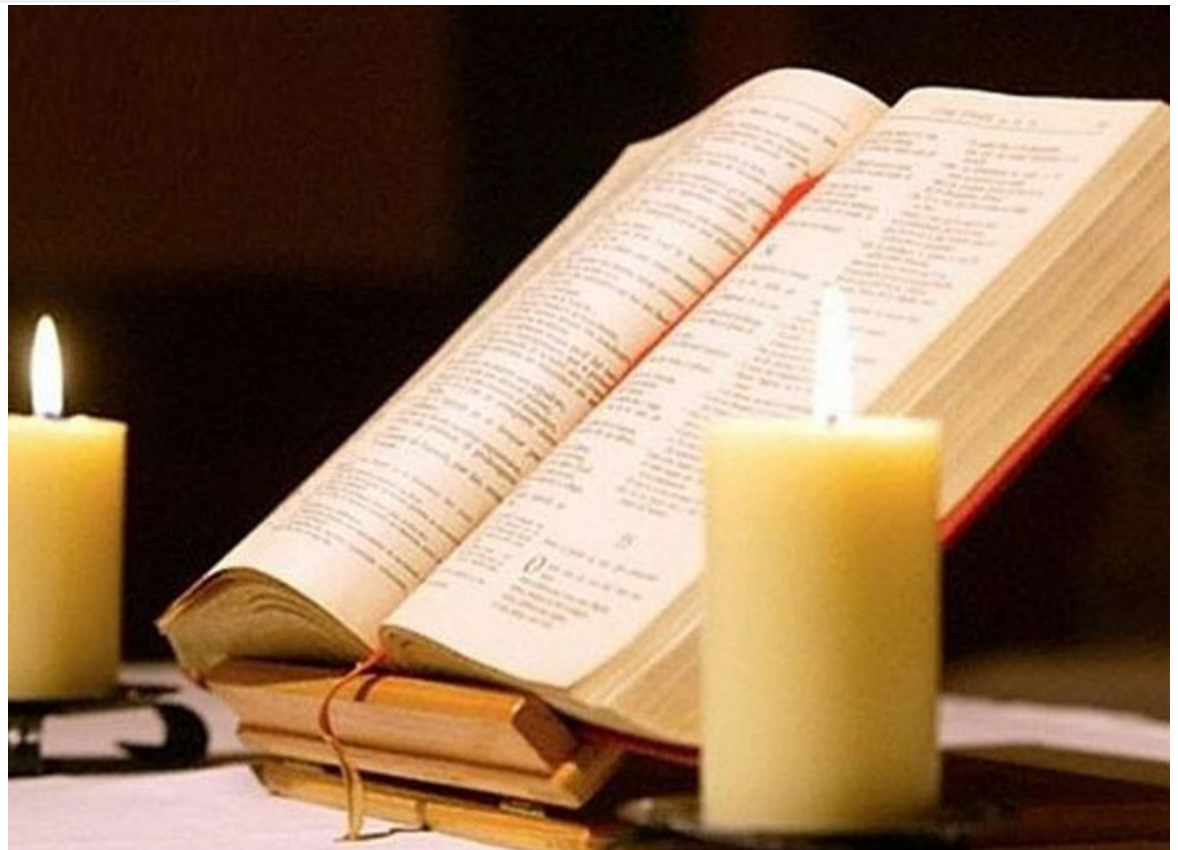


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Why complain?

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The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these

things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (John 2: 13-25)

Home is the place designated for earthly rest. The Father's heavenly house is the place of the eternal rest and happiness for which all of us are destined. Therefore, if we are scrupulous about the care and decoration of our earthly home, we should be all the more so for our eternal home. In the universal Church, which is the main guide to eternal life, this thoughtful care concerns all of Christ's faithful, each in his or her own role and ministry. So are we really doing our part within the Church, or do we only know how to complain to others and to God?