

# Sister's Spin

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While sitting in St. Andrew's Church waiting for a Sunday Mass to begin, I began to give in to a distraction--the bricks behind the altar of the Church. I noticed their size, the very subtle difference in colors, how the bricklayer set the patterns and so on. Then, I began to think about how bricks play a part in our Church History. After all, it was bricks the Hebrews were making when Moses was called to lead them out of Egypt, so our association with bricks goes way back. While Moses set up a tent for God in the desert, most of our churches today are brick-based. While St. Paul spoke of the Church as the Body of Christ, other Church writers spoke of it as a building with a foundation in Jesus Christ. Then, I began to think that each brick in a Church Building could stand for a member of that Parish Community--each one different in many ways, yet all together, a part of something beautiful. I also had some other thoughts about the people missing from the Church Community--those who leave for various reasons and those who have not come back yet after the Pandemic and how their absence could affect the magnificence of the Building. If their bricks were missing, it might be a little drafty, to say the least. So, perhaps a need to pray for our parishes and for those who need to turn to God to make us strong and keep our Church beautifully built on the Foundation of Jesus Christ. It's a good thing Mass started or who knows what I may be thinking about next!

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