

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If... It's a surprising little word — if. But, for such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word "if" to explain away my own flaws. "If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard."

If, if, if... I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. *Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable.*

But if. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

"If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Si tan solo... Es una pequeña frase sorprendente — Si tan solo. Para una frase tan corta, tiene una gran cantidad de excusas.

Personalmente, podría comprarme un auto nuevo si tuviera un dólar por cada vez que uso la frase "si tan solo" para explicar mis propios defectos. "Si tan solo no estuviera tan cansada. Si tan solo tuviéramos más dinero. Si tan solo los niños no me hicieran perder la paciencia. Si tan solo tuviera más talento. Si tan solo la vida no fuera tan dura."

Si tan solo, si tan solo, si tan solo... No siempre tengo ganas de ser la sal de la tierra. ¿Alguien más podría sazonar el plato? A veces es más de lo que quiero dar, más de lo que quiero hacer, más de lo que quiero ser. Compartir mi pan, albergar al oprimido, vestir al desnudo y acompañar a mi prójimo, hacer estas cosas en sentido literal o figurado puede ser completamente agotador.

La mediocridad es tan fácil. Es tan cómoda.

Pero si tan solo. Se vislumbra de nuevo, esa corta pero poderosa frase.

"Si tan solo" puede ser tan profunda de excusas, pero también puede ser amplia con posibilidades. Si tan solo se lo llevara todo a Dios. Si tan solo dejara de confiar en mis propias habilidades. Si tan solo rezara más de lo que hablo. Si tan solo hiciera firme mi corazón. Si tan solo mi fe no descansara en la sabiduría humana.

Si acaso no soy yo, ¿quién? Si acaso no es ahora, cuando?

"Ustedes son la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad construida en lo alto de una montaña." — Mateo 5:14

- Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 29, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,107.38
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 126.50
Helping Hands.....	\$ 100.00
Donations.....	\$ 400.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 265.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 255.00
Missions Black/Native Americans...	\$ 368.75

Second Collection - February 11-12:

No Second Collection Next Week



PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE INVITES MEN of ALL FAITH JOURNEYS

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51

SAT. APR. 29, 2023 ½ DAY EVENT
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 8500 Cross Mountain Trl.

Bishop Gary J. Nak, LPC-S Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

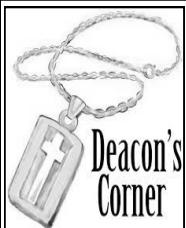
Fellow W Men Like You

SET YOUR COMPASS

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Fr. K E n Geraci, CPM The Father of Mercy

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BEGIN AGAIN IN CHRIST.



Question: What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

Answer: The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Labouré, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,**” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts.

Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God.

The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”



Pregunta: ¿Qué es la "Medalla Milagrosa" y por qué se llama así?

Respuesta: La medalla de la Inmaculada Concepción que ha llegado a llamarse simplemente la "Medalla Milagrosa" se remonta a una aparición de María a Santa Catalina Labouré, que era entonces una hermana novicia con las Hijas de la Caridad. El 27 de noviembre de 1830, Nuestra Señora se le apareció de pie sobre un globo, con rayos de luz que brotaban de sus manos y las palabras: "Oh María, concebida sin pecado, ruega por nosotros que recurrimos a ti", rodeando la imagen. En la misma visión, Catalina vio una "M" mayúscula con una cruz encima y debajo de dos corazones. Catalina pareció oír una voz que le decía que tuviera lo que veía como una medalla y una promesa de que aquellos que llevaban la medalla tendrían la protección y la intercesión de la Madre de Dios. Las primeras 1.500 medallas se distribuyeron en 1832. Muchos favores milagrosos fueron atribuidos al uso de la medalla.

La "Medalla Milagrosa" de Santa Catalina es uno de los símbolos reconocibles y populares del catolicismo moderno. Reflexionando sobre su uso generalizado, el documento del Vaticano de 2001, "Directorio sobre la Piedad Popular y la Liturgia", observa que la medalla "recuerda el misterio de la Redención, el amor del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Corazón Doloroso de María. Significa el papel mediador de la Santísima Virgen María, el misterio de la Iglesia, la relación entre el cielo y la tierra, esta vida y la vida eterna".



From the Irish Cultural Society

We celebrate two of our Irish national saints’ feast days in February and March: St. Patrick and St. Brigid.

St. Brigid’s Day is a newly proclaimed Irish National holiday and it is celebrated on Feb. 6th.

The San Antonio Irish Cultural Society will celebrate our saints, our culture and our traditions by hosting our annual **Irish Heritage Day** (IHD). The 2023 IHD is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th, from noon to 5 pm.

There is a full family-friendly program of live folk music, dance, traditional story-telling, Irish High Tea, a raffle, and a Celtic market.

It will be held indoors at the Leon Valley Community Center - 6427 Evers Road 78238.

Entrance is free and there is plenty of free parking.

There are two market booths spaces @ \$35 each, open for any crafters who offer handmade goods, *not resale items.*
(Attendance in the past has been between 650 and 800 persons during the course of the afternoon)

Apply to Jane McDaniel at janesirish@att.net Hope to see you there!

JUNTA: Estado de la Parroquial

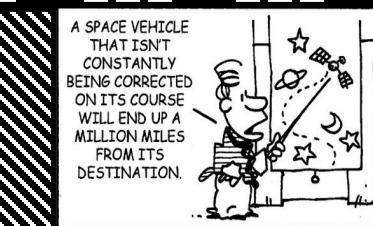
Cuándo: HOY! El 5 de febrero; 3 - 4:30 pm

Dónde: Carolan Hall

Ven a ser parte de la creación de un cuerpo vibrante y renovado de Cristo que estará presente para nuestras familias y nuestra comunidad

Repasaremos / Platicaremos de la:
demografía de la comunidad y oportunidades
para transformar nuestra parroquia.

Esperamos verlos allí.

**Lent is rapidly approaching!**

Question: *Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?*

Answer: Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (*such as the birth of Christ*) or celebrate particular people (*such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints*). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The Stephen Ministry

A distinctively Christian ministry providing one-to-one encouragement for people in need.

Through these caring relationships, Stephen ministers, in love and care, meet with those who are hurting and in need of support during difficult circumstances.

Would you benefit from having a Stephen Minister?

- If you:
- Feel like life is more than you can handle right now.
 - Never thought you'd be going through something like this
 - Are struggling through grief, divorce, or job loss.
 - Feel your health, attitude, and relationships are suffering.
 - Are suffering with illness, hospitalization, or other challenges.
 - Are dealing with relocation, empty nest, or retirement.



**STEPHEN
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A Stephen Minister will meet with you - usually once a week - to listen and support in a completely confidential Christian manner. Life can throw tough situations our way and God does not ask that we carry our load alone. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide support for you as long as your need exists.

If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

A Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, they listen, care, pray for/with, and help their care receiver find their path to healing and wholeness.

Contact: **Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096 or Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388** for information.

The St. Pius X Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday,	February 5, 2023
*** KC BBQ Plate Ticket Sales after 8 & 10 Masses ***	
10:00 am	KC Corporate Mass - Church
3:00 pm	State of the Parish Mtg - Carolan Hall
Monday,	
7:00 pm	February 6, 2023 Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room
Tuesday,	
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	
10:30 am	Charismatic Prayer Gp Core Mtg - Rectory Mtg Rm
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room
6:30 pm	KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm	Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church
Thursday,	
6:00 pm	CDA Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room
7:00 pm	Charismatic Pryr Grp - Church RCIA - Rectory Mtg Room
Friday,	
7:00 pm	February 10, 2023 Grupo de Oracion - Church
Saturday,	
4:00 pm	February 11, 2023 Reconciliation - Church
Sunday,	
8:00 am	February 12, 2023
6:15 pm	*** KC BBQ Plate Ticket Sales *** KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall Guadalupanos Rosary - Church



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Kathryn Marie Sweet

Lecturas de la Semana del 6 - 12 febrero

Lunes:	Gn 1:1-19; Sal 103:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35; Mc 6:53-56
Martes:	Gn 1:20-2:4; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles:	Gn 2:4-9,15-17; Sal 103:1-2,27-30; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves:	Gn 2:18-25; Sal 127:1-5; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes:	Gn 3:1-8; Sal 31:1-2,5-7; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado:	Gn 3:9-24; Sal 89:2-6,12-13; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo:	Eclo 15:15-20; Sal 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34; 1Co 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Readings for the week of Feb 6 - 12

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,27-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2,3-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4, 2023	8:00 am †Tiodulo Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
5:00 pm †Al Weinheimer by Carol Weinheimer	
5:00 pm †Maria & Gregoria Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva	
Sunday, February 5, 2023	
8:00 am †Henry Kalinec by Volpenhein Family	
10:00 am †Richard Ramirez by His Children	
12:00 pm †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales By Morales & Briseno Families	
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Marie T. Sweet	
12:00 pm † Miguel Raul Rojas Leyva by Roberto & Maria Rojas	
Monday, February 6 2023	
8:00 am †Gregg & Melba Tatum by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez	
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	
8:00 am †Mary Monteverdi	
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen	
8:00 am †Juanita Cruz Mireles by Mireles Family	
Thursday, February 9, 2023 (Mass)	
<i>All Ordained Clergy and Religious</i>	
Friday, February 10, 2023	
8:00 am †Alicia Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez	
8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Nguyen Family	
Saturday, February 11, 2023	
8:00 am †Rogelio Gomez by Sons, Daughters-in-Law & Grandson	
5:00 pm †Roxanne Espinoza by STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased	
Sunday, February 12, 2023	
8:00 am †Charleen Petsch by Klar Family	
10:00 am †Virginia Moan by Evancho Family	
10:00 am †Juan Urbano & †Mike Urbano by Urbano Family	
10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & †Carolina B. Briseno By Morales & Briseno Families	
12:00 pm †Humberto Valentin Hernandez by Familia Hernandez	
12:00 pm † Miguel Raul Rojas Leyva by Roberto & Maria Rojas	

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - DC John, T.S.Garza, T.G.Garza,
E+T.Guerrero

Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - P.Klar, B.McQueen, M.Nguyen, R.Davila
Lector - S.McCarthy

10 am Altar Servers - J.Cantu, Z.Ramirez, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - E+M.Cantu, Sr.Eucharia, L.Gifford,
P+R.Mendoza

Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - H.Gomez, I.Hernandez, L.Lopez,
E.Obregon, +2 Vol

Lector - R.Borrego, A.Chavez