

February 1, 2021



Dear Parishioners,

The psalm for this Sunday's liturgy has this refrain: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95.8). It seems a fitting time for this season of continuing pandemic when we might ask ourselves: what might we learn from the awkwardness, social distancing and just plain fear which many of us experience? Might God be speaking to us who are home-bound, wondering when we won't be wearing masks, and we'll be able to gather again with those we love and whose presence we sorely miss? If we can make a bit of time to listen for God's voice - perhaps, through an unlikely person or situation - we might hear an invitation.

The reflection in [Give Us This Day](http://www.giveusthisday.org) ([www.giveusthisday.org](http://www.giveusthisday.org)) has a lovely reflection in this month's edition. In the "Temple of the Everyday," Michelle Franci-Donnay writes:

I suspect God is unbothered by the awkwardness of my prayers or the unpretentious surroundings in which I make them. God is as delighted to join me in the kitchen amid the potato peelings and unwashed pots as he is to find me quiet and still before the tabernacle...Place yourself in the presence of God as you fold the laundry, say grace before your mid-morning cup of coffee, trace the sign of the cross on your children's forehead before they go to sleep. Bless the ordinary moments, every day... knowing every space is holy, every moment sacred.

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Tomorrow, Feb. 2 is the Feast of the Presentation, the special feast for our Sisters! Their addresses are as follows: Sr. Antonio and Sr. Patricia, Villa de San Antonio, Cottage 60, 8103 North Hollow, San Antonio TX 78240  
Sr. Vianney, Villa de San Antonio, #149, 8103 North Hollow, San Antonio TX 78240  
Also, Sr. Vianney's sister just died yesterday in Ireland. May she rest in peace.

Blessings on each of you and your loved ones during this challenging, but graced time!

Sr. Sheral