



# St. Francis Calling...

are you listening?

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## Are you listening?

Are you **listening** to the words of our Lord each day as our priests read the Gospel reading? And as he gives his homily? GOD is speaking to our hearts. Are our hearts hardened, are we “stiff necked” people? Have we asked God to help us to change, to be transformed, to be a “new creation” each and every day? Are we growing in our closeness to God each day? Or do we still have the same “old baggage” holding us down? Are we “in the tomb” or are we FREE? Are we still in bondage to our sins? HE sets us free each and every day IF we **LISTEN** to Him and give ourselves to HIM each and every day. And be sure to ask HIM for HIS discernment.

Listening and hearing are two different things...we can hear, but not listen. Do we take His words into our hearts? Once we listen do we then **ACT** on His words?

If Lent is not causing us pain, is not causing us to look at ourselves or our shortcomings, our fallings, our sins, then are we truly examining ourselves? Lent can be a time of discouragement IF we see our sins only, but do not act by going to confession. We must die to ourselves, to our sin.

The good news is...once we confess our sins we can be made NEW again. He is always waiting for us, He is always **LISTENING** to our “hearts cry.” He is waiting with open arms to hear us as we pour out our hearts to Him through His “precious priest sons; our priests.”

So, do not be discouraged by your shortcomings...instead **LISTEN** to His calling you back to HIM. **ACT** on His calling. Do not give in to discouragement, instead give your pain to Him, unite it to HIM on the Cross and know that the Holy Spirit is there to help you return with your whole heart.

Accept, forgive and unite!

**ALL PRAISE and GLORY BE to the  
MOST HOLY TRINITY!**

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two weeks before

the beginning of a

new month. Thanks !  
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How we act affects others in our lives, whether it be in a good way or a bad way. Here is a little something I read recently in a book called “The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus.” I recommend this book to all of us, as we are all “leaders” in one way or another. How we act with our spouses, our children, other family members, our friends, our enemies and everyone we come in contact with tells whether we are true Christians or Christians in name only. We are all sinners, so there are times when we all fall and do not act as we should. But, thank God He is a **merciful God** and forgives us each time we fall if we are contrite of heart and “keep on keeping on.” Remember others are watching and how we act is much more important than what we say. We must “talk the talk AND walk the walk.” This author wrote these reflections that were inspired by her mothers actions.  
Remember we have the power to shape lives.

### “When You Thought I Wasn’t Looking”

By Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

When you thought I wasn’t looking... You hung my first painting on the refrigerator...  
and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn’t looking... you fed a stray cat...  
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...you baked a birthday cake just for me...  
and I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...  
You said a prayer...  
and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...you kissed me good-night ...  
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...I saw tears come from your eyes...  
and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but that it’s alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...you smiled...  
and it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...you cared...  
and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn’t looking...I looked...  
and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did...  
When you thought I wasn’t looking.

**EASTER SUNDAY...**  
**HE IS RISEN...HE IS RISEN INDEED !!!**



Let us pray for each and every one of us to have a truly Blessed Easter. A time of renewal, a time of **GREAT JOY!** A time of “New Beginnings” for each and every one of us and for our fraternity.

I would like to share something very personal with you. The night I entered the Catholic Church, March 30, 1991 I “heard” words in my heart, “WELCOME into MY KINGDOM in a NEW and more POWERFUL way, My “little clown,” I have CALLED you to HELP REBUILD MY CHURCH.”

REMEMBER I believe He has “called” **each and every one of us to “HELP REBUILD HIS CHURCH.”**

Are you **LISTENING** to Him as to **HOW** you are to help rebuild His Church? Our Beloved Father Saint Francis listened with His whole heart, with his whole being. And then **HE ACTED** on what God told him...are we doing the same?

Rosary of the HOLY Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ or Chaplet of Mercy ( may be prayed on the rosary Beads)

On the large beads:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ...  
to heal the wounds of our souls.

On the small beads:

My Jesus, pardon and mercy...  
Through the merits of Thy Holy Wounds.

(300 days indulgence each time)

(taken from the Pieta Book, pg. 32)

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23rd



Reminders: There is no gathering in April. Our next gathering will be May 21st. Also PLEASE pray for those going to San Pedro for our Annual Regional elections and retreat on April 28-30

Safe travels and a fruitful time to Eliana, Ana, Carmen and Eleanore.

**Next month we will continue with on going formation.**

**“Capturing the Spirit of Francis and Clare” by Lester Bach OFM.**

**Please read Chapter 3 Session one on “Conversion and Franciscan life. (pages 17-21) Please be prepared to share your thoughts. Thank you.**