

Sister's Spin

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In a few weeks, doorbells will be ringing with little and not so little creatures yelling "Trick or Treat" and shortly after that, those same doorbells will ring with family company and other guests for Thanksgiving sharing. On street corners and in shopping malls, little red kettles will be attended by bell ringers and bells will ring in shops by people entering and leaving, seeking the perfect gift for a friend or relative. Breaking the silence of a busy day, one may hear some church bells noting the noon hour or playing a hymn at some point of the day. All these bells ring out in the midst of traffic sounds, people talking, and sometimes, even sirens blaring as emergency workers travel to a hospital or accident or fire. But there is only one set of bells that ring out in silence--those three short rings at the consecration at Mass. They break the silence of the celebration to remind us to look at what has just happened--the Body and Blood of Christ has come upon the altar. And then, silence again, so we can adore and thank and praise God for this most marvelous of all gifts. In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, the tinkling of a bell had a special meaning, but at the celebration of the Mass, the tinkling of the bells has an even more special call--look up--see the wonder of what our God does and adore! Be still and listen for the bells! Let each bell heard these next days and weeks be a reminder of the most wonderful miracle of all!

-Sister Marcianne

