

**Saint Simon Catholic Parish Lenten Retreat**  
**“Keeping Time ... Sacred” Monday, March 13, 2023**

The world needs more YOU in it.

In her speeches, Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Children’s Defense Fund, reminds us that a lot of people these days are still waiting for Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa or Mahatma Gandhi to come back—but they are gone.

We are it.

It is up to us now. It is up to you. More than ever before, our world needs more goodness, more kindness, more caring, more action, more “you” in it.

John F. Kennedy said that one person can make a difference, and every person must try. What if each of us really tried? What if each of us spontaneously decided that, one by one, we really can be the better world we wish for?

This is our time,  
Yours and mine.

You have important discoveries to make.  
Now is the time to make them.

You have important talents to develop.  
Now is the time to develop them,

You have important gifts to give to the world.  
Now is the time to give them.

-Unknown

Closing Prayer “ONE”

How many people does it take to make a difference?

One

One song can spark a moment  
One flower can wake the dream  
One tree can start a forest  
One bird can herald spring  
One smile begins a friendship  
One handclasp lifts a soul  
One star can guide a ship at sea  
One word can frame the goal  
One vote can change a nation  
One sunbeam lights a room  
One candle wipes out darkness  
One laugh will conquer gloom  
One step must start each journey  
One word must start a prayer  
One hope will raise our spirits  
One touch can show you care  
One voice can speak with wisdom  
One heart can know what’s true  
One life can make a difference

That difference starts with you.

-Unknown

