

Bad things happen to good people. I've seen that story unfold before my very eyes numerous times. A brain tumor happened to my sister at 44. I'll stop at that one. I'm sure you all have your own stories you could tell. Even those that don't hit close to home hit our hearts hard. Case in point, the horror at Champlain Towers South.

When something bad happens to good people, we feel disheartened, I know I do. My first instinct is to ask why, but I quickly realize that is a waste of thought and syllable. The thing to ask is What next? And get to work.

Today, especially, we thank the Lord for the brave, courageous and generous people who immediately went to work to confront this latest horror — the firefighters and other first responders, the volunteers, the donors, etc. etc. Yes, bad things happen to good people, but thank God there's good people to happen to the bad things!

Here are some of the latest heroes in the making – – my nephew's son, Taylor Quintero (upper left), Janei Miranda, Alex Diaz, Enel Gomez and Julian Rivera. Squad 5 of 6 that recently graduated. May God protect them always.



What are

you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

"In the final analysis, the questions of why bad things happen to good people transmutes itself into some very different questions, no longer asking why something happened, but asking how we will respond, what we intend to do now that it happened."
-P.T. de Chardin

"Bad things happen to good people all the time. It sucks. It's not fair but then much of life isn't fair. It's how you live that matters. It's how you deal with the bumps in the road."
-M. Banks

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