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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday : 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. or  
by appointment.

#### **MARRIAGES:**

Must be scheduled with the Priest  
at least 6 months in advance.

#### **MORNING ROSARY:**

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

#### **MONDAYS:**

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass.

#### **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:**

Novena To The Sacred Heart  
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

#### **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:**

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
Second Wednesday of every month— 7:30 p.m.  
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles  
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, August 14, 2021  
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, August 15, 2021  
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*

*The Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
August 15, 2021*



*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb. — Luke 1:42*



**Aug 16 - Aug 22**

- Monday:** Gene Hodge by Fr. William Lucas †  
**Tuesday:** Robert Bungert by the Zielinskis †  
**Wednesday:** Jim Gregg by the Brazzolottos †  
**Thursday:** Tom & Rita Fleming by Terry & Rita Rumore †  
**Friday:** Mark Smith by Walton Smith  
**Saturday:** Jenny Nell Rolling by Bob & Karen Hand †  
**Sunday:** Mike & Kitty Gordon by the Brazzolottos †  
For the People

***Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:***

*Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Ron & Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Sylvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy Lopez de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Doug & Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Cathy Funderburg Parker, Rosemary Barnwell, Frank Troncilli, Robin Becnel, Anna Emerick, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray*

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) or call 205-613-1053.

*Weekly Readings August 16—August 22*

- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

**Psalm** — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

**Second Reading** — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27)

**Gospel** — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

## **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII issued an Apostolic Constitution entitled, Munificentissimus Deus. (The Most Bountiful God) He writes, “we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” (#44) The pope proclaimed this dogma only after it had been observed for at least 1500 years. This was no rash decision.

As with all authentic Marian dogmas, the doctrine of the Assumption honors Mary, but praises God who made her. It acknowledges Mary’s relationship to Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, Mary’s son and her Lord and Savior.

This dogma is connected to the dogma of Mary’s Immaculate Conception. Because Mary was conceived without Original Sin, her body did not experience decay when she died. Pope Pius quotes from St. John Damascene: “It was fitting that she, who kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death.” (#21) Mary, as is the case with all creatures, died. But she was taken (assumed) **body and soul** into eternal life.

If you went to Assisi in Italy, you could view the uncorrupted body of St. Clare in the church that bears her name. St. Clare’s soul is in Heaven, but her body is still on earth. We believe her body and soul will be reunited in the resurrection at the end of time. Mary’s body and soul are already united in heaven. That makes Mary different from almost every person created by God.

In the Apostle’s Creed, we say we believe in, “the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.” Mary, because of her relationship to Jesus Christ, has already experienced that. She is the pattern of our own resurrection. We live in hope that what has already happened for Mary will happen for us.

## Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
August 8 Offertory	\$5,335	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$37,249	\$39,000



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**Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin soon.

The sessions will be on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact Jim Mathis or Father Bill at the parish office (205-525-5161).

## Ann's New Life Center

### A Celebration of Life Fundraiser Banquet



**Thursday August 26, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

**Celebrations**

**3005 Martin Street South  
Cropwell, AL**

This year will be a Celebration of Life, baby shower style! There has been more than enough sadness and despair in this world. Won't you come celebrate with us? We will have a wonderful meal together and hear from three great bands. And lets not forget our ministry update!

There are also many sponsorship opportunities available with acknowledgement and recognition at different levels:

Presenter Sponsor- \$2000

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Please contact Sharon Stice at (205) 613-1053 or [sharonstice46@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstice46@gmail.com) if you would like to be a sponsor at this event.

**Please RSVP to Gabrielle by either text or phone call for a seat at the celebration— 256-346-5257.**



Please join us at Mass August 21, and 22, 2021, to hear Rev. Anthony P. Palazzolo speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean.

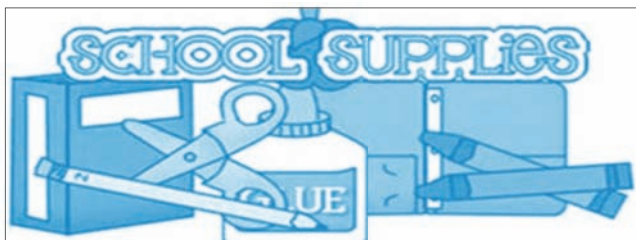
Father Palazzolo will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Tony Palazzolo was ordained for the Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica in 1993 where he served as a Missionary for three years. He subsequently served as an Advisor-Counselor for the Family Life Office for the Dioceses of St. Augustine for 20 years. Fr. Tony has preached and led Mission trips on behalf of Food for the Poor for over 22 years.

Please welcome Father Palazzolo to our parish!

### School Supply Drive!

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Notebook Composition Style	Washable Markers
Pencils, wood #2	Glue, Sticks
Pencil, Pouch zippered, 3 ring (200)	Binders, 1 inch
Pencil Sharpener, hand, with Shavings saver (200)	Paper, Lined
Crayons	Scissors, Metal Fiscars (200)

### Catholic Business and Professional Network to Host Luncheon with Bishop Raica

The Catholic Business and Professional Network (CBPN) will be kicking off a series of quarterly luncheons on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at The Club in Birmingham. The first speaker for the series will be Bishop Steven Raica.

Anyone who holds a job, or has ever held a job (that includes those who work inside the home), is invited to join us for this opportunity to hear Bishop Raica speak and to network and fellowship with other Catholics.

Tickets for the event are \$35/person. To make your reservation for the August 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon, go to: [www.catholicnetwork.net](http://www.catholicnetwork.net), click on "Event Calendar," and register.

## Assignments—Aug 18~ Aug 22

### WEDNESDAY MASS

**8/18/2021 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Charmaine Welch

**Ministers:** Deacon

### SATURDAY MASS

**8/21/2021 5:00 PM**

**Greeters:** Dawn Adamson, Paige Everett

**Lector:** Marguerite Gorman

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Altar Servers:** Bernie & Cory Funderburg

**Ushers:** Bob Nicholas, Jim Gorman,  
Clayton Martin, Jay Benson

### SUNDAY MASS

**8/22/2021 8:30 AM**

**Greeters:** Anna Emerick, J&B Paulitzky

**Lectors:** Jorge Solis, Jane Snider

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Michael Gagliano, Bart Perry  
Bill Bethel, John Cardenas

**8/22/2021 11:15 AM**

**Greeters:** Tommie Johnson, Sonya Lewis

**Lectors:** Mark Johnson Jr., Gloria Raynor

**Ministers:** Deacon

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm  
Tommie Ann Johnson, Lexie Smith

**If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

As we relax the restrictions on the celebration of the Mass, we need more Liturgical Ministers. If you are interested in continuing or starting to serve in these ministries, contact the following people:

**Lectors-** Anita Allor 256-343-6767

**Ushers-** Michael Gagliano 205-937-8933

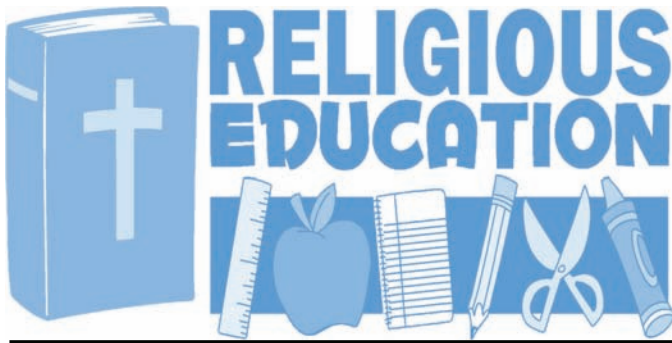
**Cantor/Choir-** Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967

**Greeters-** Parma Boyle 205-338-2767

**Altar Servers-** Stephen Reese 205-937-5658

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You can always call the church office and let us know of your interest. (205-525-5161)



### Registration has begun!

Thank you to everyone who has registered their child(ren) for Religious Education so far. We are looking forward to an AMAZING year of learning, faith formation, and fellowship— so don't miss out, get registered today!

To register **online**, use your smart device's camera to scan the QR code! You will be taken directly to the **Religious Education Registration Form!** You can also follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/dm4KU1n3WNY2WQnp9>

Contact Jim, DRE, if you have any questions or concerns!

Email: [jimmathis.oll@gmail.com](mailto:jimmathis.oll@gmail.com)



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## Looking Ahead:

**August 22nd - Religious Education Breakfast | Parent Meeting | Classes begin!**



# SCAN ME!

*"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."*

**- Proverbs 18:15**



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

CALLING ALL SINGERS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CHOIR MEMBERS AND ANYONE WHO LOVES TO SING! THE CHOIR IS FORMING TO SING AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS ON **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**. WE WILL REHEARSE BETWEEN THE MASSES ON **SUNDAYS FROM 10:00 am - 11:00 am**. PLEASE JOIN US **TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH FOR THE FIRST REHEARSAL**.

WE NEED YOU!! REMEMBER; THE WOODS WOULD HAVE LITTLE MUSIC IF ONLY THOSE BIRDS SANG THEIR SONGS WHO SANG BEST!

## Knights of Columbus Labor Day Barbecue Sale



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Friday, September 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.  
through Saturday September 4, 2021

\$40 for Boston butts

\$30 for large pork ribs

\$10 for a whole chicken.

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.

**Sunday–August 15**  
Assumption of Mary-Holy Day  
Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am  
Holy Hour– 7:00-8:00 pm



**Monday– August 16**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Tuesday– August 17**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Wednesday–August 18**  
Mass 7:00 pm  
Pastoral Council– 7:30 am

**Thursday– August 19**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Friday– August 20**  
Mass 9:00 am

**Saturday– August 21**  
Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm  
Pilgrim Virgin-Parish Hall 6:30 pm

**Sunday–August 22**  
Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am  
Religious Education Begins –Breakfast & Orientation-9:45 am

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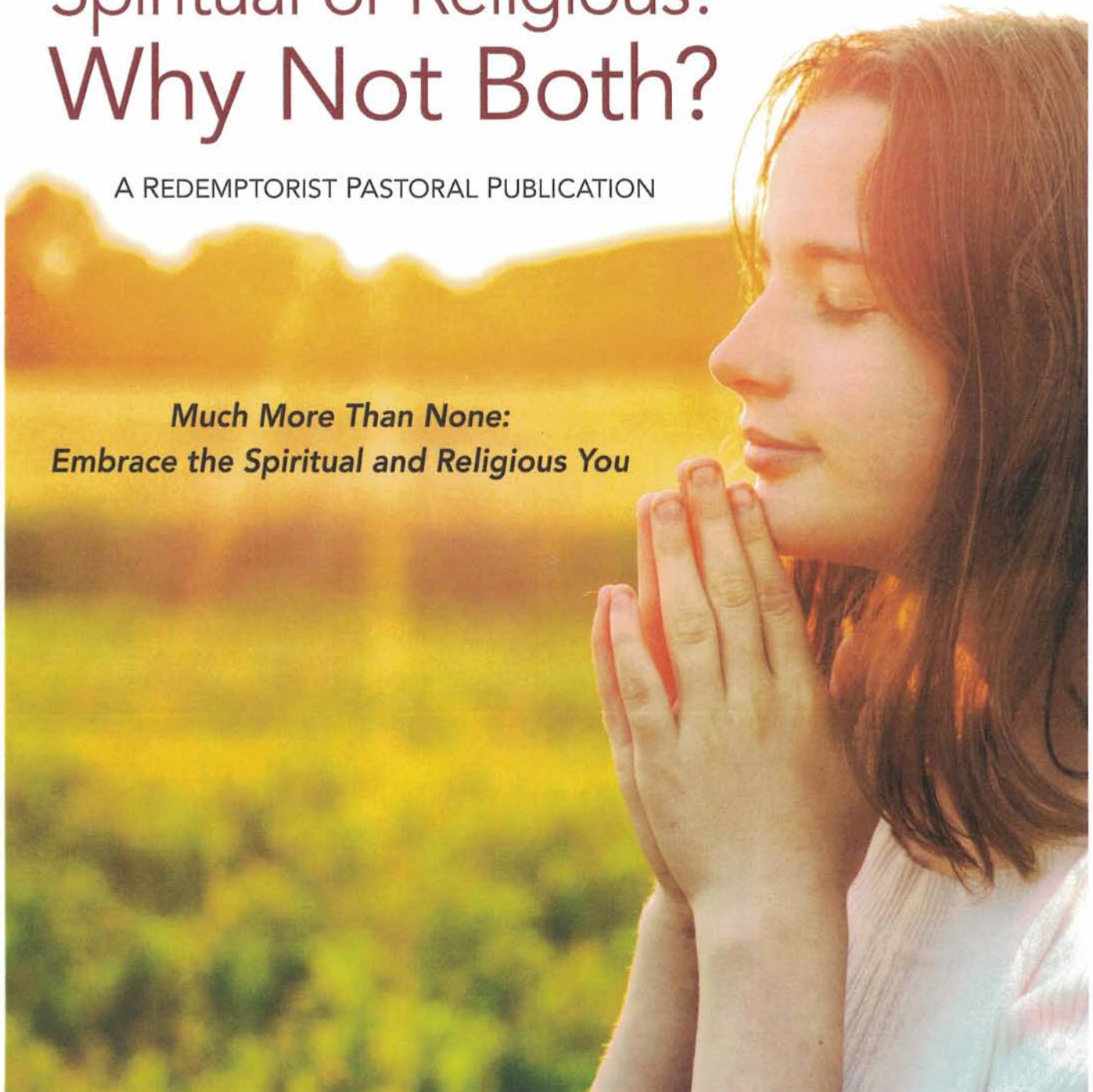
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AUGUST 2021

## Spiritual or Religious? Why Not Both?

A REDEMPTORIST PASTORAL PUBLICATION

*Much More Than None:  
Embrace the Spiritual and Religious You*



**A**re you religious, spiritual, both, or neither? Seemingly more so than ever before, when individuals are presented with this question or one equally inquisitive about their stance on religion, the response is: “I’m spiritual but not religious (SBNR).” For some, spirituality and religion are intertwined—one doesn’t exist without the other—while others delineate a clear separation between the two.

You may ask why this matters to those of us who are firm in our Catholic beliefs. It matters to some of us because our children and grandchildren express a SBNR or similar ideology. In addition, it should matter to every Catholic because this issue affects the future of our beloved Church.

## DEFINING TERMINOLOGIES

Broadly, the word *spiritual* refers to something that exists but can’t be seen. People of all stripes agree that spirituality also implies a connection to another realm of life. Catholics talk about the connection to the communion of saints that exists through faith. People evoke a spiritual connection to the earth since both humans and the planet are alive and change over time. Most would agree that a healthy life means integrating spiritual elements with family, work, play, and other activities.

The word *religious* and its companion, *religiosity*, point to a way of acting and thinking that identifies a person as belonging to a group motivated by certain ideas. The vision of this group and its rituals and structure become part of a person’s life, inform how a person relates to others, and how he or she navigates life every day.

Like a coin that has a front and back side yet is one entity, a human is a union of body and soul. Furthermore, people have the capacity to develop a religious outlook. This consists of systemic symbols and concepts that weave the earthly and spiritual orders together.

## THE RISE OF THE “NONES”

When asked on census forms to state their religious beliefs, a rapidly rising number of people are selecting “none.” In Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, when asked about their religion, 65 percent of American adults described themselves as Christians. At the same time, the number of individuals who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic, or “nothing in particular” increased ten percentage points since 2009 to 26 percent. This group has grown so rapidly over the last decade that statisticians now project it will be the single largest “faith group” by 2023. The disparity among the two groups is notably parallel to generation gaps between the people born from 1928–45 and millennials (1981–96).

In a world where people value individual freedom so highly, the decline of organized religion is no surprise. For millions, there is little room for any faith that limits the “freedoms” expressed in sentiments like, “If it feels good, do it,” “you only live once,” and “my body, my choice.”

Of course, everyone who claims to be SBNR or to hold no religious beliefs at all isn’t evil. Similarly, people who claim religious principles aren’t all good. Atheists can certainly perform virtuous works, and priests can certainly perform sinful ones. What separates them? In his book *The Parables of Judgment*, Robert Farrar Capon explores this question by studying Jesus’ “judgment” parables that he gave toward the end of his ministry. Capon concludes:

*Those who are congratulated at the end are those who believed in the mysterious, vindicating parousia of the main character and who lived their lives on the basis of trust. Those who are condemned are those who did not. It is not the good works of the blessed that saves them, any more than it is the evil deeds of the cursed that damns them. It is only faith or unfaith that matters.*

If faith is all that matters, what is it that those with faith have that the “nones” and people who are SBNR do not? Is it something essential or a panacea?



Know God,  
Know Peace.  
No God,  
No Peace.

"You may call God 'love,'  
you may call God 'goodness.' But the best  
name for God is 'compassion.'"

MEISTER ECKHART

## Let Us Learn from One Another

**What can those who identify as "SBNR" (spiritual but not religious) teach the "religious" camp?**

They teach the religious the need to live a life of integrity. Young people especially have a heightened sense of injustice. They see around them examples of when power is protected, not shared; where resources are exploited, not used wisely. They become suspicious of any institution that puts resources into preserving itself and not fulfilling its mission.

When a people become blind to their mission, their energies go into protecting that which is known and familiar. Many a SBNR person stares at the gap between the truth and the urgency of the gospel message entrusted to the Church and the ineffective (seemingly judgmental) communication style and tone used by some in the Church in trying to share this Good News with them.

**What can those who identify as religious teach the SBNR camp?**

One piece of wisdom is summed up in the famous saying, "Life is a marathon, not a sprint." The long race requires attention to details that a sprinter doesn't have to worry about. Over the span of six or more decades, a person can learn that the painful memories of family disagreements can give way to expressions of forgiveness.

The comfort given to family members when they lose a parent and acts of charity to those in need count over the long haul. It's the community that pledges to be that presence to each other, and that is religion in the fullest sense of the word: putting the gospel into practice in concrete, living ways. Today's gospel way teaches us that community requires boundaries, and boundaries will differentiate based on who's participating and who's not. A group can't fulfill its purpose if no one commits to fulfilling his or her duty, and that's as true for a parish as it is for a Rotary Club.

## DIG DEEPER

Give your definitions of "spiritual"  
and "religious."

Where does a person's relationship with the  
faith community fit—on the side of spiritual,  
religious, or both?

How can you more fully integrate faith  
—both spiritual and religious—  
into your everyday life?

## WHY HAVE FAITH?

Katie Patrizio, a director of religious formation at St. Cecilia Church in Ames, Iowa, and Fr. Jim Secora of Ames, a retired parish pastor, offer some insight on this crucial question. This conversation outlines the importance of faith and can help us discern our own response as it applies to our individual faith life and the life of those we encounter who may be questioning their faith.

*What have you gained from your faith?*



**KATIE:** Everything! This is true for me theologically, but also experientially. My dignity comes from God; my virtue comes from God; anything good in or around me is a gift from God. It is, therefore, a gift of faith. What gives a gift its meaning? The

love of the giver that the gift conveys. With faith, I can pull back the curtain on the good things in my life and recognize they are signs of God, who loves me.

**FR. JIM:** I know that I am loved not for what I can do, but as a unique creature formed in the image and likeness of God. But it isn't just me. All humanity is loved collectively as this image of God in the world. I want to live a good life not only for myself but also so that others can experience the love of God through me.



*Where would you be without your faith?*

**KATIE:** Lost. Without faith, I am convinced that I would be wandering through life in a daze of my own echo chamber. Perhaps I'd have some semblance of natural happiness, but I know it would be fleeting because only God can provide lasting happiness. Even in times of suffering, God gives meaning to my life!

**FR. JIM:** Without my faith, I'd be floundering from one spiritual path to the next, searching for something that would give my life meaning and purpose. If I did not have my Christian faith, I would not have the framework to organize my life according to a larger reality beyond myself.

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**What are the SBNRs and the “Nones” missing out on?  
What dangers do you see them facing?**

**KATIE:** Those who have closed themselves to faith—and therefore closed themselves to God—face innumerable challenges. On a day-to-day level, it is much more difficult to be peaceful, joyful, and content when you don't have a God who is the source of your peace. We've all experienced the feeling of helplessness in the face of our own disordered desires. Only God can free us from ourselves in this regard.

**FR. JIM:** I see them having a great yearning and continually searching for that which can give their lives meaning and purpose. As our society becomes more secular and sees no

purpose beyond this present life, it becomes very easy to make policies without regard to life. They look only at the utilitarian value of human life...I also see them as missing out on the great mysteries of life and the universe that cannot be explained by science alone.

The primary lesson we need to learn is that we each need to examine the depth of our own faith. If it's only tradition or fear of hell that holds us to the Church, we must dig deeper. Catholicism can bear the weight of this scrutiny. We believe in a God who created the world, loves us and asks us to spread this love to others. The means for spreading God's love is gathering in community in Christ's name.



PHOTO: GUS EDGARDO GARRIDO, REUTERS

“Let your religion  
be less of a  
theory and more  
of a love affair.”

G. K. CHESTERTON

**KEEP THE FAITH!**

Our faith is a gift from God. However, like the wealthy merchant who gave ten talents to his servants and left for a long journey, we will not be praised at the master's return if we did nothing but bury his gifts in the ground (Luke 19:12–27). None of us are popes or presidents or mega-stars with millions of social media followers—but then neither were any of Jesus' twelve chosen disciples. We, like them, need only possess one loaf of faith, one fish of faith, even just one mustard seed of faith. God, in his great love, will provide the rest.

As you encounter people in your life who have no faith, be loving and patient with them. We are all on our own journey, and each of us enters the path from a different point on the road. The Church Fathers tell us to meet people where

they are and guide them from there. Just as not all people in church belong to God, there are many who belong to God who aren't in church. Accept them, love them, welcome them, witness your faith to them.

With a solid faith, God the Father will adopt you as his child, God the Son will receive you as his own, and God the Holy Spirit will dwell in you as his temple. And with that, you can move mountains. Religious or spiritual? Catholics should be both.

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