OCTOBER 2026 @ St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Mableton, GA						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 **18th Sunday after Pentecost** **No 7** am Mass 8:30 am Mass (frh) 9:30-10:15 am CCD 10:30 am sung Mass (frh) 1 pm Mass (frh)	28 (*frf return)* St Wenceslaus, Duke & *Martyr* 6:30 am Mass (frh) **No 9 am Mass**	29 (*Deacon Leonard away)* **Dedication of St Michael the Archangel** 6:30 am Mass (frh) 7 pm sung Mass (frf)	30 (*frh away to 10/15)* St Jerome, Priest, *Confessor & Doctor* 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf) **7 pm Inquiry Class** (frf)	October 1 St Remigius, *Bishop & Confessor* **No 6:30 am Mass** 12 noon Mass No Adoration	2 Sacred Heart of Jesus / Holy Guardian Angels **No 6:30 am Mass** 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frf)	3 Immaculate Heart of Mary / St Teresa of the Child Jesus **No 7 am Mass** 9 am Mass
4 **Ext. Solemnity of O. L. of the Rosary / 19th Sunday after Pentecost** 7 am Mass 8:30 am Mass 9:30-10:15 am CCD 10:30 am sung Mass 1 pm Mass	5 Feria (19th Sunday after Pentecost) 6:30 am Mass (frf) **No 9 am Mass**	6 St Bruno, *Confessor* **No 6:30 am Mass** 12 noon Mass (frf)	7 O. L. of the Rosary 6:30 am Mass (frf) **No 9 am Mass** **7 pm Inquiry Class** (frf)	8 **Anniversary of SFdS consecration (**St Bridget of Sweden, *Widow)* 6:30 am Mass (frf) **No 12-noon Mass** 7 pm sung Mass	9 St John Leonardi, *Confessor* **No 6:30 am Mass** 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frf)	10 St Francis Borgia, *Confessor* **No 7 am Mass** 9 am Mass (frf) 9am-1:30 pm FNE **10:15-11:30 am Adult Catechism (frf)**
11 Parish Picnic Day! **12 pm-6 pm at Tolleson Park** **20th Sunday after Pentecost** **7** am Mass 8:30 am Mass 10:30 am sung Mass No CCD **No 1 pm Mass**	12 Feria 6:30 am Mass (frf) **No 9 am Mass**	13 St Edward the Confessor, King **No 6:30 am Mass** 12 noon Mass (frf)	14 St Callistus I, *Pope & Martyr* 6:30 am Mass (frf) **No 9 am Mass** **7 pm Inquiry Class** (frf)	15 *(frh returns)* St Teresa of Avila, *Virgin* **No 6:30 am Mass** 12 noon Mass (frf)	16 St Hedwig, *Widow* 6:30 am Mass (frf) 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh)	17 St Margaret Mary Alacoque, *Virgin* 7 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 10:30 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers (frh)
18 **21st Sunday after Pentecost** 7 am Mass (frh) 8:30 am Mass (frh) 9:30-10:15 am CCD 10:30 am sung Mass (frf) 1 pm Mass (frf)	19 St Peter Alcantara, *Confessor* 6:30 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frf)	20 St John Cantius, *Confessor* 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf)	21 St Ursula & Comp., *Virgins & Martyrs* 6:30 am Mass (frh) **No 9 am Mass** **7 pm Inquiry Class** (frh)	22 Feria 6:30 am Mass (frh) 12 noon Mass (frf) 7-8:30 pm **Parish Council**	23 St Anthony Mary Claret, *Bishop & Confessor* 6:30 am Mass (frh) 4:30-6:45 pm FNE 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frf)	24 St Raphael the Archangel **No 7 am Mass** 9 am Mass (frh) FNE campout & Mass (frf) 10 am CCM Holy Hour (open to all) (frh)
25 **Christ the King** 7 am Mass (frf) 8:30 am Mass (frf) No CCD 10:30 am Mass (frh) 1 pm Mass (frh)	26 Feria (22nd Sunday after Pentecost) 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh)	27 Feria 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh)	28 (*Deacon Leonard away to 11/7)* **Ss Simon & Jude, *Apostles*** 6:30 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh) 7 pm Inquiry Class (frf)	29 Feria 6:30 am Mass (frf) 12 noon Mass (frh)	30 Feria 6:30 am Mass (frf) 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh)	31 Saturday of Our Lady 7 am Mass (frf) 9 am Mass (frh)

(10/19/26)

Do I Believe in God?

Suppose we consider the question: "Do I believe in God?" Let me say that more strongly: "Do I truly believe in God? Would I die for Him?"

Dr. Jordan Peterson, the clinical psychologist turned internet guru who has helped many young people understand objective truth - often at variance with prevailing ideology - investigates this question in a 10 minute, 24 second Youtube post entitled: "People have forgotten this truth about God."

While not a Christian, Dr. Peterson says he lives as if God (the Christian God) exists. In his presentation, he gives his three *stock* responses to those who ask him, "Do you believe in God?" then explains why he prefers, "I live as if God exists."

To the question, "Do you believe in God?":

His first answer is: "It is none of your d-a-m-n business." Indeed, this is a personal question, more sacred than: "How much money is in your bank account?" But he admits this may be taken as a cop out.

His second answer is: "What do you mean by *believe*?" Do you mean "*what I say*," the mere words affirming the thing; or do you mean "*what I do*," how I live my life; after all, it would be hypocritical & ironic if I said yes to this statement yet not live my life according to its demands. For example, take the Catholic Church's current mess dealing with cover-ups of pedophile priests. If you were to ask any of these priests, "Do you believe in God?" They would say, "Yes." Yet how can this belief mean anything if they are guilty of heinous crimes which God condemns. But he says this answer too, dicing the meanings of words, may also be taken as a cop out.

Last, he says his third answer is the most comical but his most accurate one: "I am afraid He might exist."

His last two answers, what "believe" means and "afraid God might exist," are insightful. They help us understand why he prefers saying, "I live as if God exists" rather than saying, "I believe in God."

Again, to say, meaningfully, "I believe in God" implies a grave responsibility i.e., I must live up to that belief. To say, "I believe in God" involves the willingness to sacrifice myself to the highest possible moral good. How much am I willing to give? All or part? To say, "I believe in God" means living a life of virtue of the highest order; it means serving the ultimate transcendental moral good. In Christian terms e.g., it means, daily prayer, loving my enemies, death before sin. Just to make the claim, 'I believe in God" does not make it true; it is made true by how I live my life.

St Paul says it this way, "The grace of God has appeared to all men, instructing us that denying ungodliness and worldly desires we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the great God and our savior Jesus Christ: who gave Himself up for us." (Titus 2:11-12) Indeed, to say, "I believe in God" means a life of sacrifice just as He sacrificed Himself for us.

Dr. Peterson recalls the words of Jesus Christ, "On the last day, not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." These are words to take to heart. It is not enough to say, "I love God" or "I believe in God;" we must act on these words; we must put flesh on these sentiments; we must incarnate this idea in our daily lives; we must 'walk the walk, not just talk the talk,' as they say.

His presentation ends something like this: "To make the claim of belief in God is not something to take lightly. This is to unite oneself to the highest value, the highest moral good that anyone can ever make. And I don't care if you are an atheist or an agnostic, that is not the point, the point is you are setting up a standard by which you will live your life. Imagine to yourself the ultimate transcendental moral value that you can and then swear allegiance to it, which is to say: "I believe in this." With that affirmation comes the heavy moral burden to act on that belief. What do I mean? I mean if you say: "I believe in God" without feeling the terrible responsibility to act on those words that "you should be immediately struck down appropriately by lightning."

It is strangely refreshing to observe a non-Christian with more reverence for God than many Catholics who so easily say, "Credo in unum Deum" yet so easily excuse themselves from Sunday Mass or any day of holy obligation. (And a help to us - to avoid mediocrity.)

To end, we need Creeds to make known our beliefs; but these remain sterile words unless we act on them. Said again, what is my belief in God *really*, if I continually neglect prayer, acts of mercy, Sunday Mass; or, if I sin, in any way, and have no true sorrow or repentance for my sin? This deserves the condemnation: "These people love me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

May we lives witness our faith in God, not from a fear that *He might exist*, but from the sure knowledge that *He does exist* and is worthy of all my love.