

## Part Time Christians

All too often we take on the act of a Christian only because we are at church, around others of our kind. We feel comfortable being a Christian at church, but comfortable is not who we are called to be. Being a Christian only at Church is not how we are sent forth.

**“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.” St. Francis of Assisi**

We are called to be Christians who are filled with the joy of the Gospel always, not just at home or church, but in our workplaces, on the street, at the store, in school and with friends.

**“Do not be a ‘part time’ Christian, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices, be Christians at all times!” Pope Francis**

Are we one person around this group of people and a different person around that group of people? We are called to be one person always and with everyone. Just as the Trinity is three persons in one, so are we called to be one person all the time. God is our Father, our Creator; Jesus is our Savior, our brother and friend. The Holy Spirit is God’s love always with us. They are always the same person...all of the time...everywhere...to every one.

**“The Christian who does not bear witness, is sterile, without giving the life he has received from Jesus Christ.” Pope Francis**

**“The Christian vocation is this: to remain in the love of God, that is, to breathe, to live of that oxygen, to live of that air. Remain in the love of God.” Pope Francis**

“Rejoice and be glad.” MT 5:12. We are called to live our lives as a joyful witness to God’s love. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” JN 3:16. We know this; but do we live it, do we proclaim it, do our lives bear witness to this love? There is nothing greater in life than to live it to its fullest, the way God hopes that we will. There is nothing more profound than the witness of a joy-filled Christian. There is nothing more powerful than the prayer of one who truly surrenders, who truly believes.

**“A healthy Christian is a joyful Christian.”  
Pope Francis**

**“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17**

**“Witness, be it in everyday life, in difficulties, and even in persecution and death, always bears fruit.”  
Pope Francis**

**O Blessed Trinity,  
teach me to be one, as you are one.  
To become a full-time Christian,  
a full-time witness.  
With a joyful heart, may I always and only  
proclaim the love of the Father and of the Son.  
Grant me the peace I need to testify to the  
strength and power of prayer.  
May I always rejoice in the splendor of the  
Spirit, and know the fullness of living the life of  
a true Christian.**

**Amen**