

The image shows the title 'a simple lent' in a large, light-colored serif font, with the subtitle 'making more room for GOD' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The background is a soft-focus image of a sky with clouds and a mountain peak in the distance.

a simple lent

making more room for GOD

Week 1: Priority

Week 2: Declutter Digitally

Week 3: Sparking Joy at Home

Week 4: Making Meaningful Work

Week 5: Revealing Your Core Values

Week 6: One Week For GOD

Life

Digital

Home

Work

Faith

Meaning

In the U.S. we like to keep our religion separate. Not just from the state, but from our everyday lives. It often seems as if the “sacred and the secular” gives us two different lives to live.

One life, is the life of church. With its traditions and ritual and its community. We come to be baptized and learn and worship. We get married and raise our children and then one day (hopefully after a long life lived) we die.

The other life is the life of the world. Where we get jobs and pay taxes and worry about putting food on the table. A life of going to the theater or the symphony or the movies and drinking with friends at a party. The life of work and family and civics.

But none of us is actually called to live multiple lives. We have one life. A life of faith in everything.

While JFK was famously encouraged to downplay his Catholicism to be elected president, we also frequently downplay the impact of seeing all of our lives, *our whole lives*, as being a life of faith. Faith in a GOD of second chances and mercy; of hope and anticipation; of love and devotion. Sometimes because we don't know how to embody that faith in any way but *as separate from* our regular life.

The life we are given is a life we can make an offering to GOD, rather than wasting it and running out the clock. To be the beloved son or the father in the Parable of the Lost Sons. To be a person inspired to do the work of GOD. To see all of life and work as vocation.

How will you best embody a life of vocation?