

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission



The Bulletin

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POPE FRANCIS CALLS THE WHOLE CHURCH INTO “SYNOD.”

“We recall that the purpose of this Synod,
and therefore of this consultation,
is not to produce documents,
but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies
and visions, allow hope to flourish,
inspire trust, bind up wounds,
weave together relationships,
awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another
and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds,
warm hearts, give strength to our hands...”

Pope Francis



As we celebrate FIFTY years of **FAITH, WORSHIP AND MINISTRY**, we have much to share and offer. Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ will enter this Synod conversation during Lent 2022, as we continue, with the whole Church, our “journeying together.” The “theme” of the synod is **“COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION.”**



**WE BEGIN ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT, MARCH 6
FOLLOWING
10AM MASS.**



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Prayer for the Synod...
WE stand before you
HOLY SPIRIT,
as we gather together
in your name.

With you alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder!
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

AMEN.





Introduction

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and the bishops would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means “journeying together” and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together.

The synod "is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission."

[Synod Handbook](#)

SYNOD 2022
Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ

Our basic question is:

What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today?

Living as a Synodal Church

According to the International Theological Commission in "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church" no. 6, synodality is “the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* [way of living and operating] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active

part in her evangelizing mission.” The idea of synods is not something new; synods emerged from the early Church and the 2021-2023 synod process is not simply “another program” or a “new initiative.” Therefore, “having a synod” is just part of synodality. Synodality is a way of being Church, not just an event or program.



The Ten Key Elements of “Synodality”

from Synod Handbook

- 1 Be companions to each other on the journey
- 2 Listening to the Spirit and each other
- 3 Speaking out
- 4 Celebrating together
- 5 Sharing responsibility for our common mission
- 6 Joining dialogue in Church and in wider society
- 7 Participating in ecumenism
- 8 Each claiming their proper authority and participation
- 9 Being part of discerning and deciding
- 10 Forming ourselves in synodality.



**Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ
SYNOD JOURNEY *begins*,
the First Sunday of Lent following 10:00 Mass.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Second Sunday of LENT+March 13, 2022

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION

with Bishop Vetter

and the parishes of the Missoula Deanery on **MONDAY** evening,
MARCH 21 at Blessed Trinity, 6:30—8:30 pm.

We begin with Vespers.

Details inside>>>



For a Synodal Church

The Parishes of the

MISSOULA

DEANERY

Gather...

COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION
MISSION



BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER invites all parishioners and parish leadership of the Missoula Deanery to respond to the call of Pope Francis to enter the “universal synodal” process of “Journeying Together,” on **MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022—6:30 pm-8:30 pm** at Blessed Trinity Parish, 1475 Eaton Street, Missoula.

WE GATHER TOGETHER AS WE PRAY, LISTEN, LEARN AND ARE HEARD.

WE BEGIN WITH VESPERS.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

For more about the Synod go to the parish website: blessedtrinitymissoula.org

View the PowerPoint on the Synod presented at FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY March 6

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at Blessed Trinity Church



What is the Synod
about?
Why does it
matter?

A SYNOD is a gathering to discuss topics relevant to the theology and life of the Church. Through the 2021-2023 synod, Pope Francis has invited the whole People of God to participate in conversations about the journey of the Church in our time. This synod is focused on “synodality,” which means it is about how we can all take part in listening to and following the voice of the Holy Spirit today. We are especially called to listen to the voice of God amongst those who are most marginalized. Synodality is a style of being Church, one in which every voice can speak, in which each person listens to what is being said, and in which we discern together where the Spirit is calling the Church.

THE GOAL OF THIS SYNOD, as Pope Francis has said, is “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.” (PD, 32) The hope is that the synod will be only the beginning of an ongoing process of becoming a more synodal Church, one that values the voice and participation of all in proclaiming the Gospel. Let your voice and dreams be heard.

PARTICIPATE in the Gathering with Bishop Vetter,
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022 6:30-8:30 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish,
1475 Eaton Street, Missoula.

*A synodal Church is a church “going forth,
a missionary Church, whose doors are open”...*

The
Missoula
Deanery



Preparing our hearts and voices for a synodal Church

Attitude to Cultivate Listening

We are called to listen humbly and to speak courageously; to listen in a manner that invites others to share authentically while we ourselves share our experiences and hopes with mercy and charity.

Newness and Conversion

We are invited to embrace the action of the Holy Spirit, particularly in the ways in which the Spirit inspires us to new views and new ways of being Church.

Allowing God to Lead

We are called to allow the Spirit to direct us. To set aside our own expectations so that we can listen more clearly to what God desires of us.

Focus on Others

The Synodal Process is an opportunity to open up, to look around us, to see things from other points of view, and to move out in missionary outreach to the peripheries.

Leave Behind Self-centeredness

We need one another. When we set aside self-centeredness, we are able to learn from each other, journey together, and be at the service of one another

Division and Discord

We are challenged to suspend our judgements and ideologies in order to enter into dialogue that promotes mutual understanding and unity.

Fear

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1-7 We are reminded that change is a necessary part of growth and fear inhibits growth.

Self-Doubt

The participation of each person is essential for the synodal process to achieve its objective. You are called by virtue of your Baptism, to listen to the Holy Spirit in your life and to share your experience of God and His Church for the good of all His people.

**"Speak with authentic courage and honesty
in order to integrate freedom, truth, and charity."**



A Listening Church

I invite you to gather together, as we listen, learn and are heard. We will begin, as we should begin everything, in prayer. We invite the Holy Spirit to be among us, to open our ears, minds, and hearts to hear the movement of the Spirit in this time and place.

I want to hear your voice, to see and recognize you, as you share your story.

+ Bishop Austin A. Vetter

MISSOULA DEANERY MARCH 21

Blessed Trinity Parish

1475 Easton Street, Missoula

6:30 pm Prayer & Reflection

7:00 pm Dialogue with Bishop Vetter

8:30 pm Conclusion

For Listening & Dialogue

How has the Church accompanied you well?

Have you had an experience where the Church failed to accompany you?

What can you share to help the Church accompany you better?

