



Promotional blurbs to encourage Synod participation

- ❖ We have all been invited by our Holy Father Pope Francis to embark on a journey together “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission”. Guided and rooted in the Holy Spirit we are asked as a whole Church and an entire People of God, to talk, share, listen, discern to learn which processes can help us “to live communion, to achieve participation and open herself [the Church] to mission.” (PD, 1) To learn more about this important invitation and how you can participate, visit the diocesan webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or [\[add parish contact and information here\]](#).
- ❖ Pope Francis has invited the entire People of God to join in the upcoming Synod of Bishops in October 2023 by sharing input for their discussion in Rome about “synodality”. This synodal gathering of the entire Catholic Church calls us all to share, listen and discern together way to be a synodal Church that lives communion, participation and goes out in mission. People of all ages and walks of life are encouraged to join the discussion. Do you want to know how you can participate? Visit the diocesan webpage at www.dor.org/synod. Here you will find the resources needed to join in the conversations and invite others too. You can also contact [\[add parish contact and information here\]](#).

Sunday Gospel Synodal connections...

- **11/28/21 1st Sunday of Advent (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36):** Life is full of “anxieties” and uncertainties for the future. *“The purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but ‘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) To participate in this journey visit the webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or contact [\[add parish contact and information\]](#).
- **12/5/21 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (Lk 3:1-6):** John the Baptist went out to all the region proclaiming to “prepare the way of the Lord.” Synod theme #2 – **Speaking Out** invites us to speak with courage and *parrhesia* (candidly), that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity. When and how do we profess our faith in the world? How do we individually witness to our faith? Visit the webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or contact [\[add parish contact and information\]](#).

- **12/12/21 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Lk 3:10-18):** John the Baptist listened to the plea of the people recently baptized who asked, “What can I do?” Synod theme #5 – **Co-Responsibility in the Mission** says that “Synodality is at the service of the Church’s mission, in which all her members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is each Baptized person called to be a leader in the mission?” Visit the webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or contact [\[add parish contact and information\]](#).
- **12/19/21 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Lc 1:39-45):** Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth who recognizes the blessing and favor God bestowed upon Mary, blessed among all women because of her “fiat”/acceptance to God’s will. Synod theme #9 – **Discerning and Deciding** reminds us that “In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit”. Visit the webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or contact [\[add parish contact and information\]](#).

More coming soon.....