

2021-2023 Synod on Synodality

The Synod convoked by Pope Francis is an invitation to all the faithful to be part of a three-year process that starts at the parish level and is underway in the Diocese of Fort Worth with parish-level listening sessions. St. Michael will conduct its listening session on Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

What will happen at a listening session?

1. First, there will be the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
2. Next, there will be reading from the Gospel.
3. After this, there will be time for silent meditation and listening.
4. We will then break into small sharing groups.
5. After this, we will reassemble to hear the main themes from each group.
6. Our time will conclude with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that we avoid certain pitfalls to promote the vitality and fruitfulness of the Synodal process:

- The temptation of wanting to lead ourselves instead of being led by God.
- The temptation to focus on ourselves and our immediate concerns.
- The temptation to only see “problems.”
- The temptation of focusing only on structures.
- The temptation not to look beyond the visible confines of the Church.
- The temptation to lose focus of the objectives of the Synodal Process.
- The temptation of conflict and division.
- The temptation to treat the Synod as a kind of a parliament.
- The temptation to listen only to those who are already involved in Church activities.

May the listening sessions be a time to listen to God and to each other.

May we hear what God has to tell us and where He desires to lead us!

Detailed information about the Synod is on the Diocese’s website at: <https://fwdioc.org/synod>.

In preparation for the listening sessions, please read and reflect on the Preparatory Document for Listening Sessions.

Resources to prepare for Listening Sessions are found here: <https://fwdioc.org/synod-resources-for-listening-sessions>.