



PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

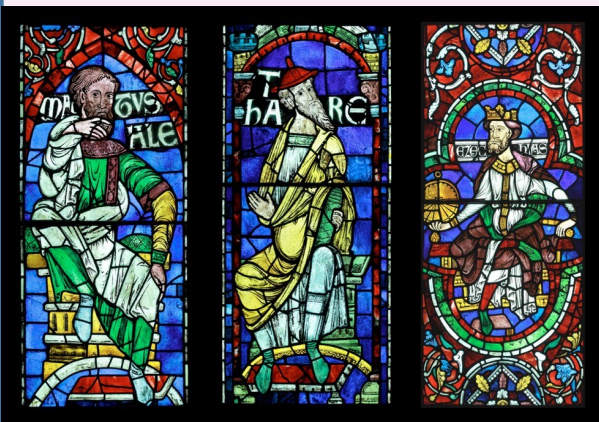
The **Synod on Synodality** is beginning to wrap up for this year. Another session of the synod will follow October next year. We must continue to pray for the Church and her leaders to be truly open to the Holy Spirit's inspiration. Mary, the Holy Mother of God warned long ago about the loss of faith among some church leaders, which we are unfortunately witnessing. Fr. Jo asks us to pray thus for the synod delegates: **"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You!"**

APPROACHING FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS/SOULS



As we approach the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, we wish to bring to our attention the need for us to pray and offer Masses for the Faithful Departed. Kindly use the Mass offering envelopes at the back of the Church to book Mass (es) for loved ones who have departed. List all the names you are praying for in the envelop or use a separate sheet to do so and insert inside the envelop. We will have all the names at the altar all through November and offer Masses for them.

STAINED-GLASS REPAIR WORK



The project to repair our stained-glass windows is in progress. The technicians are repairing cracks, strengthening the base and siding of each window, and will replace the outside plexiglass protection on the windows, to let in more light. Expect to see parts of the church cordoned off and some entrances, particularly the back west entrance, closed during this period. We are grateful to the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Oklahoma that provided the major fund, and donors from our parish who stepped in with their invaluable support.

FAITH ENRICHMENT/PARISH MISSION

Thursday Faith Enrichment continues this Thursday, October 26th as parish mission with Karlo Broussard. We are moving the venue to the parish hall for the next two meetings. Every member of the parish is invited.

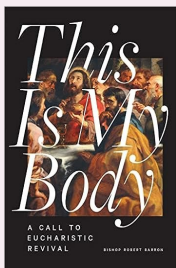


MARCH FOR LIFE 2024



Registrations and permission forms are now available on the Diocese of Tulsa website for the **2024 March For Life**. Young persons/adults who wish to attend can ask for parish subsidy. If you would like to attend, the registration will soon end come Tuesday, October 31st. No more registrations will be accepted after the deadline. For those attending from Tulsa, the departure date is January 16th, 4pm from Holy Family Cathedral. The return date is January 21st. The cost is \$450. A deposit of \$225 is expected by Dec 15th.

"THIS IS MY BODY" by Bishop Robert Barron



A generous parish family has purchased copies of the book, *This is My Body*, by Bishop Robert Barron to help us with our spiritual journey during this *Eucharistic Revival*. The book provides practical guides for us to enhance our devotion to the Eucharist as well as invite others to the Eucharistic banquet. Please feel free to take a copy at the back of the Church (one for each family). We pray God's blessings on this benefactor.



WHY DO YOU NOT RECEIVE THE EUCHARISTIC?

Eucharistic Revival as currently espoused involves welcoming parishioners who for reason(s) of irregular marriage or other conditions are unable to partake of the Eucharistic. We encourage all who currently are not partaking of the Eucharist to visit with Fr. Jo to discuss ways to remedy the situation. No condition is irredeemable. You may be surprised how easily some of the situations can be resolved. If you know of anyone who has stopped coming to Mass due to inability to share in the Eucharist, please invite them to talk to the parish priest about that. No member of Christ's body should be deprived of this saving food.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024



The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.

PARISH MISSION THESE COMING WEEKS



For three consecutive Thursdays: October 19th, 26th, and November 2nd, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, **Karlo Broussard**, apologist and speaker with *Catholic Answers*, is presenting a three-part series on the Eucharist entitled, *Face to Face with Jesus: The Catholic Doctrine of the Eucharist*. In this series of talks, Karlo provides the definitive answer to all those who doubt Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. He breaks down the common objections to the Catholic doctrine and builds a powerful case—from Scripture and the teaching and practices of the early Christians as well as the evidence for Eucharistic miracles—for taking Jesus at his word when he said: *"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh"* (John 6:51). The first meeting last Thursday was well attended. The next two meetings will hold in the parish hall. The meeting on November 2 (All Souls Day) will start at 7.00pm instead of 6.30pm to allow everyone to attend the All Souls Mass.

UPDATE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, October 2024



Due to the ongoing war in Israel and Palestine, we have put on hold plans for pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, as we assess the security situation. We will be informed in due course about our next possible option: visit to another pilgrimage site, or entirely cancel the idea.