

# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia*

**March 13, 2022**

## **Parish Mission Statement**

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Adopted by the Parish Council, August 10, 2021*



**“This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him.”**

LUKE 9:35

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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica  
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel  
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla  
6:30 PM in Basilica

**Weekdays:** 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

**Saturdays:** 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

**Holy Days:** See website

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica  
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

**Weekdays:** 11:30 AM in Basilica

**Saturday:** 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,  
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,  
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK  
AND HOMEBOUND**

**Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill**  
Rector

**Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers**  
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**Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki**  
Parochial Vicar

**Deacon Jesús M. Burgos**  
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**Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.**  
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**Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.**  
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**Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.**  
Outreach Coordinator

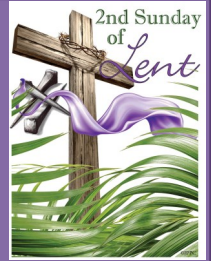
**Charlene Angelini**  
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

**Mark Loria**  
Principal Organist

# Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13, 2022

*"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him."  
MT. 17:5 R. Alleluia, alleluia*



<b>March 12</b>	<b>Saturday, Lenten Weekday</b>
12:05	Mary & Emil Bucceroni
5:15	Domenico Berarducci and Family
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Intentions of Brian Lee
11:00	Nicola Berarducci and Family
12:30	Ronald S. Pérez
6:30	Eleonor E. Davis
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Monday, Lenten Weekday</b>
7:15	Iannetti Family
12:05	In Thanksgiving to God, the Father
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Tuesday, Lenten Weekday</b>
7:15	Maud Tierney
12:05	Joseph T. Nowrey
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Wednesday, Lenten Weekday</b>
7:15	Peter Adams
12:05	Brooks & Bryce Terpoilli
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Thursday, Lenten Weekday</b>
	<b>St. Patrick</b>
7:15	Genovaite Maciunas
12:05	Ronald J. Bosken
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Friday, Lenten Weekday</b>
	<b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</b>
7:15	Intentions of Susan Hunt
12:05	Intentions of Marie & Mark Zima
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
12:05	Joseph M. Magee III
5:15	Lorno Berarducci and Family
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Berarducci Family
11:00	Irene Lux
12:30	Enrique Rodríguez
6:30	Intentions of William Oliver

Dear Parishioners,

*This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent!* We hear in the Gospel the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray. As Jesus was at prayer, his appearance changed. The Apostles were given the great privilege of seeing the Lord in glory. This was an experience of great encouragement for the Apostles. They had been following the Lord, listening to his word and trusting he was the Savior. They heard him predict the necessity of his own death for them and for the salvation of all. They desired to persevere in their fidelity to the call to be his disciples. The Transfiguration, as much as it was a promise of hope for the Apostles, is the same for us as Lent continues. We too want to be faithful as disciples and persevere, especially on our Lenten path to deeper conversion from sin to a more vibrant grace-filled Christian life. The Transfiguration is the promise that the Lord will provide all that we need to be faithful to him now and have the promise of sharing his glory forever. Be encouraged! Persevere with your Lenten resolutions! Repent and believe in the Gospel!

*Making a good Confession is a most important part of Lent.*

The schedule for Confessions is:

On Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel) and 5:30 PM (Basilica). On Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica)

*An important devotion during Lent is the Stations of the Cross, following Jesus on his way to his suffering and death for us.* This devotion can take place at home and in church. I encourage you to make this a devotion a part of your Lent. We have the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent in the Cathedral Chapel following the 12:05 PM Mass and on Sundays at the Cathedral Basilica in Spanish following the 12:30 PM Mass. There are many wonderful resources on-line to help you make the Stations at home.

*Saturday, March 19, 2022, is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Saint Joseph is also the patron of the Universal Church and our intercessor for a happy death. On Saint Joseph's Day, consider joining us for the 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel.

*I to remind you that listening devices are available in the sacristy for anyone who has any difficulty with hearing during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.* All that is necessary is to go to the sacristy before the celebration and ask one of the sacristans for the use of a listening device.

*Look into our annual Keys and Sword Event—Friday, June 24, 2022.* Please see, <https://ksphila.org/>, for more information on tickets, sponsors and ads for the Ad Book.

*Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.* The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the national collection for the Church in Eastern Europe, especially Ukraine. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

God bless you!  
Father Dennis Gill  
Rector



## PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

# LENT

PRAY + FAST + GIVE

Dear Lord,  
Make this Lenten season a time for us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.  
Thank you for your cross - the only ladder by which we may go to heaven!  
Amen!

For more information, visit: [www.cathedralphila.org](http://www.cathedralphila.org).  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.*  
*And let us remember to always pray for each other!*

Your generosity on 3/6 was:

Regular \$4,093  
Special 1,694 (for the poor and needed in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish)  
Total **\$5,787**

**We hope that your generosity will exceed \$10,000 this week.** Thank you!

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Father Gill, Father Biedrzycki, Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass and one of them can help you register
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- **Text to Give** anytime, especially for your Sunday Mass offering – text “Cathedral” to 215-709-9955
- **Venmo us @cathedralbasilica**
- **Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



### 2022 KEYS & SWORD

Save the Date

Friday, June 24, 2022

6:00pm - 9:30pm

More information can be found at:

<https://ksphila.org/>

### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

#### PENITENTIAL RITE FOR CANDIDATES

*Deepening Participation in Lent*

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at [fr.dgill@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org)



### LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click **Here**, or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/17522> **Worship Aid**

### Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

### LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9 AM-3:30 PM

*The Two Hearts: Experiencing the Passion of Christ with the Immaculate and Sacred Hearts*

Location: Drexel Hall/Cathedral Chapel

Please RSVP to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at: [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org) 215-587-3795



### NOVENA SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

**English Spanish**

<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf>



**Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:**

Michael Grandalski, Kiran Kumar and his intentions, Julie Conroy and her intentions, Steve Miller, John Walker and his intentions, Ginger and Grace, Klara Vita and her intentions, Ronnie Reed, Yvonne Stamm, Rose Marie Critzer, Dennis, Margaret R. Farley, Paige Bednarsky, For All Ukrainians, Richard Burke Jr., June Goodwin, Ermanna, Gaia, Philip Hartley, Isaiah Rosario, Catherine Kamler, Eileen Hammel, Carey Cogino, Andrew Arczynski, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

**To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: [prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org](mailto:prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org). Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.**



## *Declaración de la Misión de la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo*

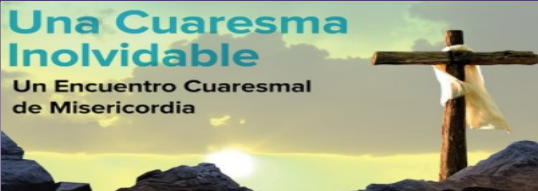
Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral  
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

### *Vía Crucis (Estaciones de la Cruz)*

Cada viernes de Cuaresma inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:05 PM en la Capilla.

El Vía Crucis en español también tendrá lugar cada domingo de Cuaresma en la Basílica después de la Misa de las 12:30 PM.



Para una Cuaresma Inolvidable explora los caminos por los cuales Dios sale a nuestro encuentro con su misericordia. En el sufrimiento Pascual de Cristo en la cruz y con sus brazos abiertos a todos los que lo buscan en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, Dios se hace presente con todo su amor y todo su ser para el mundo entero. Reflexionando el Misterio Pascual y llevándonos paso a paso por el rito de la confesión, Una Cuaresma Inolvidable nos recuerda que Dios se acerca a cada uno de nosotros durante la cuaresma para que experimentemos su amor infinito e indescriptible.

Visite [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) o vaya a <https://watch.formed.org/una-cuaresma-inolvidable>

### **SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

### **BOLETIN HISPANO INFORMATIVO**

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

**CLICK HERE**

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Marzo-March-2022.pdf>

## **REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*¡Este domingo es el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma!* Escuchamos en el Evangelio el acontecimiento de la Transfiguración del Señor. Jesús lleva a Pedro, Juan y Santiago a la montaña a orar. Mientras Jesús estaba en oración, su apariencia cambió. A los apóstoles se les dio el gran privilegio de ver al Señor en gloria. Esta fue una experiencia de gran aliento para los apóstoles. Habían estado siguiendo al Señor, escuchando su palabra y confiando en que Él era el Salvador. Le oyeron predecir la necesidad de su propia muerte por ellos y por la salvación de todos. Deseaban perseverar en la fidelidad a la llamada a ser sus discípulos. La Transfiguración, por mucho que fuera una promesa de esperanza para los apóstoles, es lo mismo para nosotros mientras continúa la cuaresma. Nosotros también queremos ser fieles como discípulos y perseverar, especialmente en nuestro camino de cuaresma hacia una conversión más profunda del pecado a una vida cristiana más vibrante y llena de gracia. La Transfiguración es la promesa de que el Señor proveerá todo lo que necesitamos para serle fieles ahora y tener la promesa de compartir su gloria para siempre. ¡Ánimate! ¡Persevera en tus propósitos cuaresmales! ¡Arrepiéntanse, y crean en el evangelio!

*Hacer una buena Confesión es una parte muy importante de la cuaresma.  
El horario de las Confesiones es:*

Los domingos a las 9:00 AM (Basílica), 12:00 PM en español (Capilla) y 5:30 PM (Basílica). Los días de semana a las 11:30 AM (Basílica) y los sábados a las 4:15 PM (Basílica)

*Una devoción importante durante la cuaresma son las Estaciones de la Cruz (Vía crucis), siguiendo a Jesús en su camino hacia su sufrimiento y muerte por nosotros.* Esta devoción puede tener lugar en el hogar y en la iglesia. Los animo a que hagan de esto una devoción como parte de su cuaresma. Tenemos las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes de cuaresma en la Capilla de la Catedral después de la Misa de las 12:05 PM y los domingos en la Catedral Basílica en español después de la Misa de las 12:30 PM. Hay muchos recursos maravillosos en línea para ayudarlo a hacer las Estaciones en casa.

*El sábado 19 de marzo del 2022 es la Solemnidad de San José, Esposo de la Santísima Virgen María.* San José es también el patrón de la Iglesia Universal y nuestro intercesor para una muerte feliz. En el Día de San José, considere unirse a nosotros para la Misa de las 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral.

*Les recuerdo que en la sacristía se encuentran disponibles aparatos de escucha para cualquier persona que tenga alguna dificultad auditiva durante la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia.* Todo lo que se necesita es ir a la sacristía antes de la celebración y pedir a uno de los sacristanes el uso de un dispositivo de escucha.

*Investigue sobre nuestro evento anual de Llaves y Espadas «Keys and Sword por sus siglas en inglés»:* viernes 24 de junio del 2022. Consulte <https://ksphila.org/> para obtener más información sobre boletos, patrocinadores y anuncios para el libro de anuncios.

*Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral.* La segunda colecta del próximo domingo estará dirigida a la colecta nacional para la Iglesia en Europa del Este, especialmente en Ucrania. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Dios te bendiga!  
Padre Dennis Gill  
Rector



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Cathedral Parish congratulates our new elect and candidates and invites us to join in praying for them as they enter a period of purification and enlightenment with Lent to be prepared spiritually to be fully initiated with the Easter Sacraments at the Solemn Paschal Vigil on Easter night and throughout Easter Time.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS La Rábida Council 1191

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) is a global Catholic fraternal organization founded in 1882, and dedicated to the principles of CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, and PATRIOTISM. Through their Faith and these principles, brother Knights strive to diligently serve their parishes, communities, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The KofC La Rábida Council 1191 was founded here in Philadelphia in 1907; named after the Franciscan Friary in southern Spain where Christopher Columbus spent two years awaiting his famous voyage in 1492 to The New World. Today, our Council 1191 continues its tradition of service and sacrifice, and invites like-minded Catholic men to join us. Send us an email, or feel free to contact Tim Murphy at 215.236.9266.

ABOUT US:

<https://www.kofc.org/en>

CONTACT US:

[KofC1191@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1191@gmail.com)



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

40 days for life starts on Ash Wednesday. Would you consider signing up to pray for the unborn and women in need during this Campaign? We'd be happy to pair you with someone if you'd be more comfortable, just let us know! We need people on: **April 6th at Planned Parenthood** (12th and Locust Street, Phila) from 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm. Please reach out to Kim at [kimpeopleoflife@gmail.com](mailto:kimpeopleoflife@gmail.com) or call/text (215) 554-4675 or Pat Stanton at [pjstan-ton9@gmail.com](mailto:pjstan-ton9@gmail.com) or call (267) 718-4851.

### Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



*Isabel Emilia Abt  
Jully Celeste Rugiero Xanaxtle  
Daniel James Mulhern  
Eleanor Therese Ventura  
Grace Camille Pica  
Cole Walker Potosky  
Stephen Matthew Francis  
Casey James Smith*

*Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.*

### Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



*Scott Craig & Brooke Lyn Snider Smith, Jr.  
Tyler Blasé & Jennifer Lee Siebert Petrovich  
Matthew Brian & Sarah Marie Fiorelli Wood  
Christopher & Brittany Vera Gresh Herman*

*Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.*

### Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica



*Mary Gunson  
Teresa Murdock*

*May they rest in the peace of Christ!*

### Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Saturday, May 7, 2022 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass

All couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25 or 50 year Wedding Anniversary milestones are invited to Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez on Saturday, May 7th at 5:15 PM. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP at [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.

**Location:** 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul, Limited parking is available on a first come, first served basis in Cathedral parking lot.

**More information:** Visit our website at [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org)

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**Everything You Always Wanted to Know  
About The Mass But Were Afraid To Ask!**  
(Presented on Zoom)

**3/15 The Eucharistic Prayer, Part 1** (The Preface; The Holy, Holy, Holy; The Epiclesis Prayer) - Rev. Andrew D. Ciferni, O. Praem., Ph.D., Daylesford Abbey—Register at the link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561234567>

**Father Judge High School Class of 1972  
50 Year Reunion**

Saturday, April 30th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge

Cost is \$75 per person

Please contact [khuckel@fatherjudge.com](mailto:khuckel@fatherjudge.com) for more information

**"Ray of Hope:**

A Conversation about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" on **Monday, April 4, 2022 at St. Joseph's University**. Anthony Ray Hinton was exonerated after nearly 30 years on Alabama's death row in 2015, thanks to the legal aid of Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative. Despite the unimaginable circumstances that changed his life back in 1985, Mr. Hinton has so much to share and teach us about diversity, equity, inclusion, compassion, courage, hope, and love. Visit [www.mission5and2.org](http://www.mission5and2.org) for event details and to order your FREE tickets. Come and be inspired...so you can inspire others. If you have any questions please contact [kath@mission5and2.org](mailto:kath@mission5and2.org).

**Martin Saints Classical High School** will be hosting an **open house on Monday, March 14th, 2022 @ 7pm**. We would love to invite any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from your parish to "come and see" our mission at work. Families are welcome to **RSVP to the event here** through our website. Additionally, we are pleased to invite any current 7th graders to our **7th Grade Visitation Day on March 29th, 2022**. Families are welcome to register their child **here** through our website.

**Philly Adoration for Vocations**

Thursdays, 9 am to 5 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

100 E. Wynnwood Road, Wynnwood

Sign up Today to Spend Time with our Lord:

[www.Heedthecall.org/PhillyAdores](http://www.Heedthecall.org/PhillyAdores)

# EVANGELIZATION

## Synod 2023 - "For a Synodal Church"

### Part 1: Communion

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the "Synod of Bishops" Pope Francis has asked the Church universally under the guidance of her Bishops to participate in a multi-year process of prayerful reflection and discernment to culminate in the next Synod of Bishops in 2023.

What is a "Synod"? A Synod is a meeting of the hierarchy (Bishops, Priests and Deacons) of the Church to consult on relevant topics or reforms needed in day-to-day ministry, mission and discipline within the life of the Church. In more recent times, the laity have been invited to participate in a greater degree than they had previously.

What is "Synodal Church"? This is one of the key things that the Holy Father would like us to discover together. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, over the next several months, is preparing for the 2023 Synod of Bishops by hosting various gatherings of the faithful in order to reflect upon the three dimensions of a "Synodal Church": **Communion, Participation and Mission**.

Today, we will reflect briefly on the first of these: **Communion**. In the preparatory document for the 2023 Synod we find the following:

**"Communion:** By its gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living Tradition of the Church, and grounded in the *sensus fidei* that we share. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people."<sup>2</sup>

The first thing we are to consider as we seek to discern what constitutes a "Synodal Church" is the unity and multiplicity of God's people which finds its ultimate pattern in the Holy Trinity itself. If we want to end with Jesus, we must begin with Him. By Baptism, we are definitively united to Him; our identity is bound up in Jesus. Out of our identity, flows our particular mission. This time will offer us a chance to reflect on that common identity and the mission it calls us to undertake as sons and daughters in the one Son of God. Next week we will consider the second theme of the 2023 Synod: **"Participation."**

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

<sup>1</sup> For more on this Synod of Bishops visit the official website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

<sup>2</sup> Synod of Bishops, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality: Official Handbook for Listening and Discernment in Local Churches", 1.4.



## PRAYERS UNITE THE WORLD

Is a group of Catholic men and women, religious and laity, who want to share God's love with others, especially with those who are most in need of His graces.

**To submit your prayer requests, go to:**

<https://prayersunitetheworld.org/>