

Synod 2022

The journey we are embarking on as a Catholic Community includes the following ten themes:

- I. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:** In the Church and in society, we are side by side on the same road.
- II. LISTENING:** Listening is the first step, but it requires having an open mind and heart, without prejudice.
- III. SPEAKING OUT:** All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity.
- IV. CELEBRATION:** “Journeying together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.
- V. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION:** Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate.
- VI. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of persons and peoples.

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IX. DISCERNING AND DECIDING: In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit.

X. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY: The spirituality of journeying together is called to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and of the Christian, of the families, and of the communities

School News

Happy New Year to the entire St. Brendan Parish and School community.

We at St. Brendan School want to thank our parishioners for their support, especially during these most unusual times. We have all had to make changes, some small, some more difficult, but throughout it all we have been encouraged by the sense of community we have felt. St. Brendan Parish is truly a wonderful place!

Students return this week. Please keep us all in your prayers for a healthy and happy New Year, Ms. Dianne Lakatta - Proud Principal

We look forward to seeing you again in 2022, and in the meantime we hope your Christmas season is

Mass Intentions

January 2

7:30 am Peter O'Sullivan (D)

9:30 am Chuck Mercer (H)

11:30 am Bill Armshaw (D)

January 3

8:15 am Chuck Mercer (H)

January 4

8:15 am Yvonne Sangiacomo (D) Noel Clark (D) Frank Schwab (D) and deceased members of the Schwab Family.

January 5

8:15 am Art Ciocca (D)

January 6

8:15 am Alex Puno (D)

January 7

8:15 am Bob Weidinger (D)
Raffi Soghomonian (D)

January 8

8:15 am Robin Olive (H) Richard DeNezza (H)

Synod (continued)

Opportunities for Participation in Pope Francis's Synod Coming in the New Year!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process in January by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. More details will be available through the Archdiocesan website beginning in January - <http://www.sfarch.org/synod>.

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Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations

Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive

Passion find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work

Positive thoughts make everything easier.- [Stay focused](#) and stay positive

You are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm a true secret of success.

Wishes may they turn into goals.

Years go by to quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen

Energy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself

Appreciation of [life](#), don't take it for granted. - Live each day

Relax take the time to relax in this coming year.

Keep a balance in your life.

Catherine Pulsifer

Fr. Mike