



PASTORAL LETTER

September 3, 2023

School is back! Fr Matthew and I, would like to extend our paternal blessings to all our students. Join us in praying for all the students who are starting their academic adventures and studies.

There is a lot in store for us!

- **Religious Formation and Confirmation Preparation** sign-ups are ending soon. Classes begin in October. These sessions not only prepare our kids for the gift of the sacraments, but also, will engage the whole family in the activities that connect us to the life of the Church. (*We still need volunteer catechists for 1st and 3rd grades for Mondays and Wednesdays afternoon.*)
- **Middle School After School Club** kicks off September 21st. All Middle Schoolers are invited - you don't have to be Catholic - every Thursday from 3 - 4:30 PM to hang-out at the parish center. Meet friends, play games, and get your homework done! It's an open door policy, come and go as you like between 3 - 4:30PM.
- **The Heights:** High School program where students are invited to spend time together while nurturing new relationships, spreading kindness and growing in faith. This is accomplished under three different pillars: **FUN Crew, FAITH Family and KINDNESS Team.** We are open to all faiths so all are welcome to soar to new HEIGHTS with us. Students may participate in any or all of these opportunities. If you are interested in joining, please check out our page: littleflowerbh.org/the-heights

Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino

Liturgy of the Word for Children



SEPTEMBER 10
11:30 AM MASS

Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades K-5.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB @ LITTLE FLOWER

Sign up at the door

Thursdays Starting September 21st 3pm-4:30pm

Bernauer Parish Center

Fun, Snacks and Homework!

FREE

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Calling all High Schoolers

the HEIGHTS fun.FAITH.kindness



2023 - 2024 Religious Formation and Confirmation Classes Begin Soon



Register on Community Pass Today





Catechism of the Catholic Church



In the recent Diocesan Synthesis on the Synod on Synodality, Cardinal echoes Pope Francis' invitation to all parishes "to engage in a synodal process of listening to the Word of God and one another, encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, and to discern God's will for His Church".

It is the intent of the leadership of this parish community to explore the meaning of the pope's invitation. For the past year, we have been doing this - albeit in small baby steps. The trifold idea behind this synodal pilgrimage is this: Engage, Encounter, and Experience.

We engage in the community that loves you, encounter the Friend who knows you, and experience the light of Christ amidst a dark and confused world. Another word for "synodality" is to be on a listening journey together - a family of faith hand in hand, marching our way towards Jesus Christ. The goal of "synodality" - the goal of our pilgrimage - is "to find ways to connect the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, to the everyday lives of the people".

In this series of Catechesis (LF Teachings), we will continue to explore the deeper meaning to be a synodal church. We will respond to the invitation while learning what "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church means". For Little Flower parish, we will look into how we can engage, encounter, and experience the gospel of Jesus Christ in our everyday - ordinary - life.