

Our **SYNOD 2023** is centered in the Eucharist, the summit of our Christian prayer. In the Real of Presence of Christ, we are nourished and strengthened as a Church, the Body of Christ, to be **ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC,** and **APOSTOLIC.** With this in mind, we invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our diocesan Synod by praying a Novena as one diocese.

A **novena** is an ancient devotion consisting of 9 days of prayer in preparation for a feast day or specific intention. The original novena of prayer happened between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost as the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary prayed in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Following their example, all the faithful of the Diocese of San José are invited to unite in our diocesan novena of prayer for the Synod as we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's guidance in preparation for the Synod General Assembly that will happen at the end of January 2023.

Our Diocesan Novena for our Synod will happen on nine consecutive Sundays, the Day of the Lord. **It will commence on this Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022, and conclude on January 29, 2023.**

Together we pray our novena within the celebration of the Lord's Day, Sunday, as appropriate as it is in centering ourselves within the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist in this year of Eucharistic Revival.

(The Novena Prayer is prayed after the Prayer After Communion before the Final Blessing.)

First Sunday *(December 4, 2022)*

God our Father,
with trust in your love and mercy
we commend our Synod into your hands.
Be with us and guide our synod process
with the grace of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways
to the challenges we face and to the needs of our sisters and brothers,
so that we may become ever closer to Jesus your Son,
in whose Body the Church, he has called us to be.

**We pray specifically for our Bishop, our Synod Delegates
and our Synod Planning Commission
that the Holy Spirit may grant them the wisdom and insight they need
to guide a meaningful and fruitful synod process,
CULTIVATING LEADERS
for our local Church of San Jose.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

P./ Beloved **Saint Joseph**, patron of our Diocese....*R./Pray for us.*

P./ Beloved **Saint Clare**, intercessor of our valley....*R./Pray for us.*

Second Sunday *(December 11, 2022)*

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**We pray specifically for healing
for all victims/survivors of sexual misconduct by clergy,
for reconciliation of the mistrust of the Church,
and for unity despite the increasingly secularized and polarized world
that the Holy Spirit may renew the hearts
of those whose belief has become uncertain,
whose trust has been lost, and whose faith has been abandoned,
so that the Church may ENCOUNTER AND WELCOME EVERYONE.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Third Sunday (*December 18, 2022*)

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**We pray specifically for the clergy of our diocese,
for men and women religious
and for an increase in vocations in our local Church
that the Holy Spirit may guide every parent
to motivate their children to the service of the Church
and INSPIRING AND FORMING DISCIPLES
to follow the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Fourth Sunday *(December 25, 2022)*

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**We pray specifically for the growth of our Catholic schools
and Parish religious education programs,
that the Holy Spirit may restore the hearts and faith of the faithful
in the celebration of the Sacraments
and find greater meaning in their lives
as we engage in THRIVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION
in our PARISHES AND SCHOOLS.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Fifth Sunday *(January 1, 2022)*

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**We pray for wisdom to address the financial challenges
that most of our parishes and schools are facing
leading to understaffing in our ministries
that the Holy Spirit may arouse in the hearts of our faithful
to share the blessings they receive in the spirit of generosity and charity
as we develop INNOVATING PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
to support the People of God.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Sixth Sunday *(January 8, 2022)*

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**We pray specifically for our ministry ENGAGING YOUTH,
YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES and to all people of goodwill
that the Holy Spirit may grace us with the courage
to serve those who are given to our care
with the love and compassion of the Good Shepherd.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Seventh Sunday (15 January 2022)

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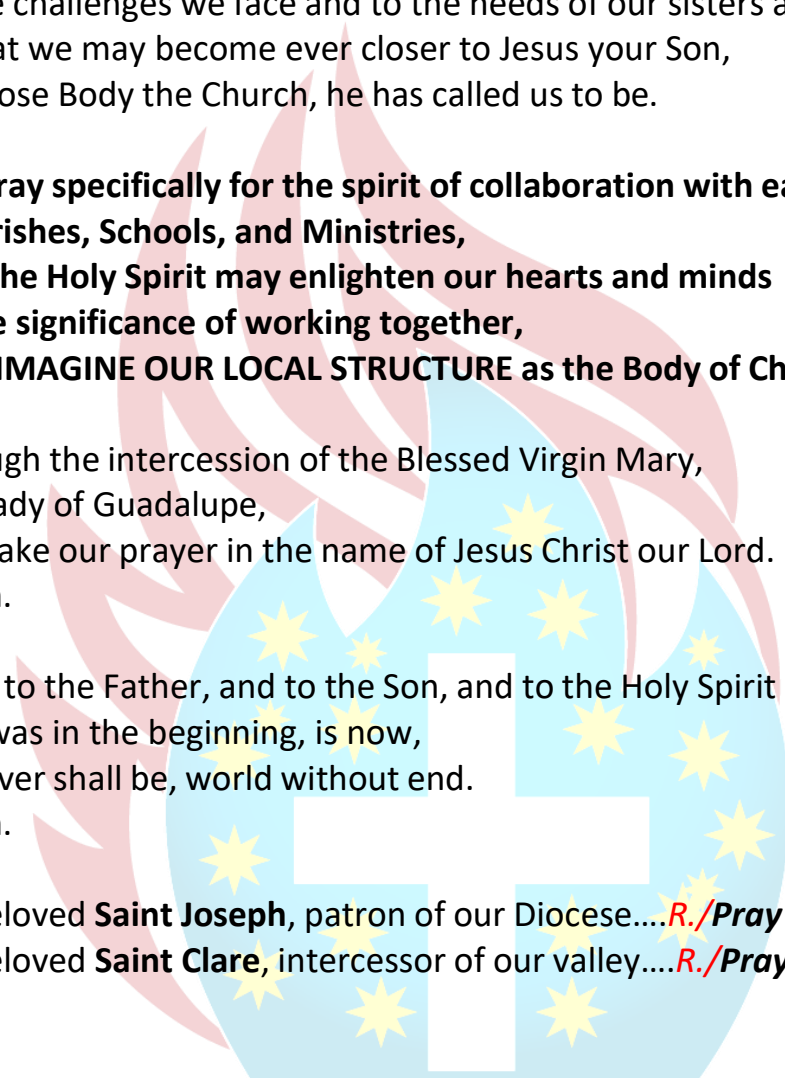
**We pray specifically for the spirit of collaboration with each other
in Parishes, Schools, and Ministries,
that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our hearts and minds
to the significance of working together,
to REIMAGINE OUR LOCAL STRUCTURE as the Body of Christ.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Eight Sunday *(January 22, 2022)*

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**We pray specifically for the renewal of hearts, minds, and spirits
in our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist
that the Holy Spirit may revive our deep devotion
to the summit of our worship in conscious and active participation
in the celebration of the Eucharist
by REINVIGORATING THE MASS AND WORSHIP
throughout the diocese for the greater glory of God.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
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Amen.

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Ninth Sunday (29 January 2022)

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with the grace of Your Holy Spirit.
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to the challenges we face and to the needs of our sisters and brothers,
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in whose Body the Church, he has called us to be.

**We pray specifically for our Synod process
in our journey together in Christ
as ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC Church
that the Holy Spirit may grace us with His power
and zeal to His Church
consuming us in faith, hope, and love.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
our Lady of Guadalupe,
we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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