

St. John Vianney Parish

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Saint John Vianney Catholic Parish English Listening Sessions Invitation

Hello Parishioners of Saint John Vianney Parish!

On May 2021, Pope Francis invited the global Catholic Church to gather in a two-year process of listening and dialogue themed: [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, & Mission](#), a program of listening to what is on the hearts and minds of ALL peoples throughout the world.

In October, Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento opened the diocesan phase of the synod. Each parish will host “Listening Sessions” and share the notes gathered with the diocese, which will be summarized and sent to The Holy See. This invitation is extended not only to practicing Catholics, but also to everyone – “inactive” Catholics, former Catholics, people from all faith traditions, and even those from no faith tradition. Feel free to extend this invitation to anyone else you think would want to participate.

These listening sessions will not attempt to persuade or change anyone in their beliefs. It is simply to listen and hear what is in the hearts and minds of all people. **You will be reflecting on a biblical image and asked to share your own hopes, experiences, needs, and expectations in your spiritual life.** The intent is to help guide us all to a richer and more fulfilling relationship with each other and with God.

This invitation is for English sessions only, Spanish sessions are being registered separately.

Here’s where your help is needed:

Saturday, January 22 (1 PM - 2:30 PM) -or- **Saturday, January 22 (3 PM - 4:30 PM)**

There will be tables of ten participants as well as a facilitator and a note taker. Comments will be recorded anonymously. All participants will be masked and socially distanced.

Participants will be randomly selected from a pool of applicants. Due to the limited space, not every applicant will be selected. For those that are not selected, there will be alternate ways to participate. If you would like to register as a potential participant, please submit your information here:

<https://forms.gle/dqxvgNcC6NXRJ9gd9>

Please contact the SJV Parish Pastoral Council with any questions you may have at PPC@sjvparish.com

Thank you very much for your consideration in participating!

-Father Giovanni Gamas