

**Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #6**  
**March 9-10, 2024**

Good morning/evening,

**Note: If reading on Sunday, start with “Welcome, Bishop Elias”.**

I am (your name) from the St Joseph Vision Committee. My fellow committee members and I would like to provide you with a brief update based on our most recent meeting.

Are you aware that three opportunities for Faith Development are underway this Lenten Season? On Sunday's at 10:30, you could join a Bible Study Group. On Monday's at 7:00 pm, a group meets using the Little Black Book. Finally, on Wednesday mornings, a group attends the 8am mass and meets afterward to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All meetings take place in the Holy family Meeting Room off the vestibule of the church. All are welcome. That's 10:30 on Sunday's, 7pm on Monday's, 8am on Wednesday's.

Thanks to the Liturgy Committee, our Liturgical Moments have continued on the Sundays of Lent. Printed versions of the Liturgical Moments and of these Vision Committee oral reports are now linked to our website. Just look for the link that says Media Resources.

Fr. Jim is coordinating a Blessing Bag collection for the needy that is intended to engage the youth of our parish. Stay tuned for details.

Two innovations that were in the works are now reaching completion. Soon, you will see envelopes scattered throughout the church marked on-line giving. If you have signed up for on-line giving but miss the moment of putting an envelope in the collection basket, please use one these. In addition, you'll see QR code placards in the pews. These are intended to facilitate parish registration, navigating to our website, and signing up for on-line donations. For instance, if you scan the website QR Code with your phone, you will see the Media Resource link about half way down the page.

As you know, the first session of the Synod took place last Fall. In anticipation, St. Joe's held several listening sessions. The Church is again asking for our input as we look forward to the second phase of the Synod to be held in October 2024. Please stay tuned for ways in which we as a parish can continue to be synodal in our parish and the church at large.

The Hospitality Team, which is run by Joan Walsh, is always looking for additional help. To find out when Receptions are scheduled, simply look at the Sunday's on the on-line parish calendar. Please consider volunteering for baking, set up, and/or clean up for these receptions, so no one has to do it all! To get involved, contact Joan, whose email is in the bulletin.

One more item of note. A Parish Newsletter called *Pilgrimage* is making its debut this weekend. You can claim your copy in the back of church. You'll find it filled with informative stories of parish life.

Speaking of the Parish Bulletin, are you aware that our parish website hosts a complete calendar of events? Use the QR code to take you to our website. The website address is also printed in the bulletin.

Please talk to one of us after mass today or next week if you have new ideas, concerns, or questions. Thanks!