



# BACCALAUREATE MASS

## MAY 21



At graduation time, there is much to celebrate - and many things for which to be thankful. As part of our Catholic tradition, we invite the Class of 2022 and their guests to celebrate in faith at the Baccalaureate Mass.

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church

801 E. Mayfield Road

Arlington, TX 76014

Mass begins at 3:00 p.m.



Please read the following carefully, as we have a lot of information to share with you about logistics and expectations for the day.

### ENTRANCE

You will NOT need a ticket to attend this event. Students will need to check-in at the Parish Hall no later than 2:30 p.m. Guests may enter the sanctuary beginning at 2:30 p.m.

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students should **wear their gowns (no caps)** to Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church.

**Dress Code:** We believe that students can be trusted to make smart choices regarding appropriate attire for Baccalaureate Mass. Below are guidelines to follow for the ceremony:

**Girls:** Dresses, dress pantsuits, or skirts and blouses with modest necklines showing no cleavage. Hem length should be to the top of the knee. Girls' shoes should be considered dressy. No strapless dresses/tops, no tight clothes. Students will have to stand for long periods and walk long distances, so please make sensible shoe choices.

**Boys:** Dress pants with a shirt and tie. Dress shoes and socks (closed-toe shoes). No flip-flops or sandals.

**Boys must be clean-shaven and wear appropriate hairstyles.** (No oddly bleached, colored, spiked, or shaven hair.)

### LITURGY EXPECTATIONS

We are so excited to share Mass with all of our families. Here are a few reminders as we honor the sacred space of worship.

- Please observe silence and reverence upon entering the doors to the Church
- Please no gum, food, or drinks
- Many of the Class of 2022 Seniors will be serving during this last school Mass together; Expect this Mass to last 1-1.5 hours

Receiving Holy Communion:

- Please remember to fast one hour before Mass if you plan to receive Holy Communion
- All are welcome in the communion line
- Catholics not in a state of grace, place a hand over the heart for a prayer from the minister
- Non-Catholics are asked to participate in placing a hand over the heart for a prayer from the minister
- Reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics in a state of grace only