

Sacramental Worship – Parish Survey



Question #1

The Worship life of this parish has an impact on my own life of prayer and spirituality?

<u>Significant Impact</u>	<u>Somewhat of an Impact</u>	<u>Little Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
61%	35%	4%	<1%

Summary

- Participation is a key factor in worship...especially being involved in liturgical ministry.
- Very comfortable and satisfied with the worship life of this parish. If the quality of the homily and music are good, there is a greater impact on prayer and spirituality.
- Missalettes which have the current readings and responsorial psalms could be available.
- Why the various responses to the General Intercessions?
- Areas of concern: the new church design, placement of the tabernacle, singing at communion, lack of silence after communion, statuary in the church and the sound system.
- Pace, projection, and enunciation of Presiders are a concern for many.

Question #2

Our Baptismal call to participate fully in the Sunday liturgy is important to me.

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
64%	34%	1%	1%

Summary

- Difference between the recitation of the Nicene Creed and Renewal of our Baptismal Promises.
- A realization that if we participate fully, we are connected, strengthened, and uplifted.
- Liturgy is *community* worship; some music inspirational, some is not but we should sing every verse of a hymn...others asked why do we sing every verse of a hymn?
- Attending mass each Sunday is enough to fulfill our baptismal call
- We should not baptize at Sunday mass.

Question #3

In general, how effective are the readings in making you a better Christian for the upcoming week: Do they have a meaningful impact in your life?

<u>Significant Impact</u>	<u>Somewhat of an Impact</u>	<u>Little Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
30%	61%	8%	1%

Summary

- Both clergy and lectors must make an effort to project and be heard.
- Lectors and Presiders need to slow down and articulate more...some lectors are excellent.
- Scripture from the New Testament is more relevant especially the Gospel readings.
- If the homily is clear and connects with the readings it has a great impact.
- Distractions prevent people from paying attention
- Some have difficult hearing what is being said...the Sound System is not utilized properly.
- A need for training in the use of a microphone...this includes priests
- The homily is critical.

Question #4

In general, how effective are the homilies in making you a better Christian for the upcoming week; Do they have a meaningful impact on your life?

<u>Significant Impact</u>	<u>Somewhat of an Impact</u>	<u>Little Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
33%	58%	4%	<1%

Summary

- The quality of the homily is very dependant upon the Presider who is delivering it.
- The homilies of some are excellent, others are not. The effectiveness of the homily varies depending on the priest.
- Sometimes one has no idea what the priest is saying as he cannot be understood...speech is not clear or loud enough.
- The homily is critical: it should be well articulated and relevant to our daily lives.
- I am disappointed when I am not challenged.
- If the priest/presider is energized and able to connect our own humanity with the spiritual life, it has great impact.
- The priest should prepare well, be passionate and concise.

Question #5

Do you feel you are a welcoming community?

Strongly Agree

31%

Agree

60%

Disagree

9%

Strongly Disagree

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Summary

- This is a very welcoming and friendly community.
- Having greeters at the entrance of our churches is a real plus...we have made progress in the area of welcoming others as they come to Church.
- We are lacking in welcoming "new parishioners"
- Because we are so large this is a challenge; perhaps we could have "mentor families" or "host families" to welcome those who are new to the parish.
- There is a wide spectrum of opinion in the survey with regard to this question.

Question #6

Are you comfortable welcoming Hispanics to our Parish?

Yes

96%

No

2%

Unsure

2%

Summary

- All are welcome...we should embrace diversity and not even be asking this question
- Some felt that Hispanics should have their own mass other felt they should not.
- One difficulty in our welcoming is the language barrier.
- Many of those who said they welcome Hispanics, conditioned their welcome with: "as long as they are 'legal'"

Question #7

Should we have more bi-lingual liturgies?

Yes

20%

No

45%

Unsure

34%

Summary

- One way to open the communication barrier between our two communities would be to have the parish offer Spanish classes.
- Although the majority of parishioners stated in Question #6 that they welcomed Hispanics, there was a great deal of negativity toward Hispanics in the responses to this question e.g. the Hispanics should learn English.
- Those in favor of and those against bi-lingual liturgies are almost evenly divided..... Perhaps another mass in Spanish needs to be added to our Sunday schedule.

Question #8

Do you believe you invite, welcome, and embrace teenagers into the heart of our community?

Yes
72%

No
7%

Unsure
21%

Summary

- Most believe that we invite and welcome teens and this can be seen through the many that presently participate in Liturgical Ministry. However; this is not a very large number and there needs to be more.
- Teen participation in parish worship is lukewarm...we need to do more.
- Make the music at worship more attractive to teens.
- Many do not have any contact with teens at all.

Goals

- Parish Catechesis (Instruction) on: Participation within the Liturgy, Baptism, Missalettes, Silence, and Church Design in our weekly Bulletin.
- Professional instruction and Videotaping of Clergy, Lectors, and Cantors on Public Speaking, projection, enunciation, clarity and microphone skills
- Bulletin catechesis on "Inculturation and the Liturgy" and "Embracing Diversity"
- Teach more youth friendly music and begin a parish Praise Band