



# SURVEY RESULTS

*Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the parish survey!*

The survey was available online March 19th - April 23rd (via our newsletter, website, facebook, bulletin), as well as in our pews during weekend Mass on April 7th & 8th.

Nearly half of our parish community responded with 503 total responses, including 341 total written comments.

## TOP 2 STRENGTHS

### WE ARE POSITIVE & PROUD

The **Worship Experience and Sacraments** along with a **caring and loving faith community** were ranked as our parish's top two greatest strengths. Parishioners appreciate Adoration & Bible Studies.



*"I feel very confident that we have made great strides in our Catholic community."*

### OUR PARISH ENVIRONMENT

## 423 RESPONDENTS

When asked **what areas would help parishioners personally grow as a faithful, loving and joyful disciple of Jesus and active shareholder in the**

**Church's mission**, 423 respondents ranked **building a more welcoming, caring and loving environment in the parish that is always inviting me to participate as fully as I can** as a top priority.

### MINISTRY, EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH

## 381 RESPONDENTS

When asked **what will most help our parish fulfill our mission as a church**, 381 respondents listed the task: **Help Catholics experience**

**and awaken to live their faith more intentionally as a loving disciple of Jesus** as one of their top three priorities.

Only 139 respondents indicated that **evangelization** was one of our top three strengths (less than 30%).

### YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY

## 82% OF RESPONDENTS

listed **decline in active membership of our young people** as the greatest concern facing our parish.

When asked **what items would help you personally grow as a faithful, loving and joyful disciple of Jesus and active**

**shareholder in the Church's mission**, 405 respondents ranked the task

**Create family friendly fellowship opportunities allowing my entire family to participate in fellowship together** as one of their top priorities.

## 405 RESPONDENTS

## 80% OF RESPONDENTS

stated that **family friendly fellowship & ministry** would be important to their personal spiritual growth.

*"I wish there was more for my family to do together."*



### THE LITURGICAL EXPERIENCE

## 2ND & 3RD

### OVERALL GREATEST CONCERN

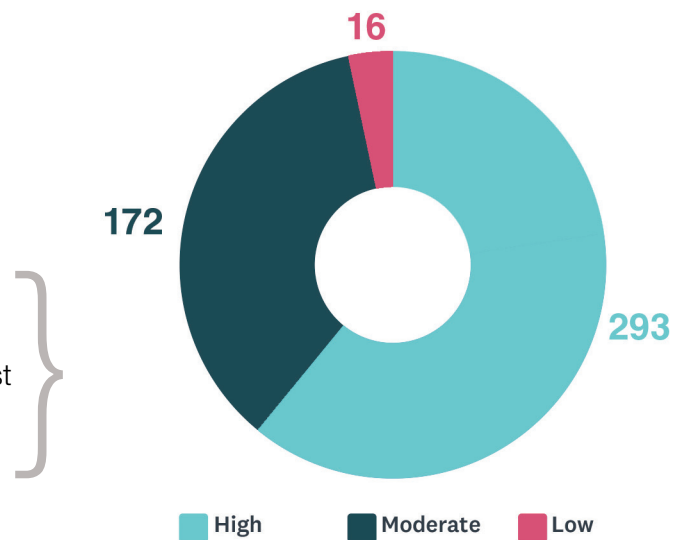
listed by respondents was **lack of attendance and participation in Mass (371)** and **lack of spiritual vitality and enthusiastic practice of the faith (324)**.

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## Here Is The Good News!

A total of 465 parishioners are moderately or highly interested in learning more about our faith and becoming stronger disciples of Christ.

What is your willingness to learn more about our Catholic faith and live more fully as a disciple of Christ and an active shareholder in the Church's mission?



## St. Mary Cathedral Parish Initiatives



### ENHANCE YOUTH MINISTRY

- A renewed focus on youth ministry initiatives, reaching out to Catholic youth and those interested in our faith throughout our communities served
- Additional efforts specifically concentrated on middle school & high school youth throughout the entire community



### FALL STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT WEEKEND

- Education on ministries and encouragement for larger participation
- Initiatives and trainings to welcome parishioners to all ministries
- A pledge of time, talent and treasure for God and our parish



### EXPANSION OF MINISTRIES

- Empower parishioners to attend events such as ALPHA, Unbound, bible studies, and other popular parish classes
- Continue to be a welcoming parish and determine ways to enhance communications to new and current families, and RCIA individuals



### FAMILY FOCUSED MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

- Explore adding a family ministry option and family Adoration time
- Expanded and Spirited musical options at Mass and other praise and worship opportunities



### NEW CATECHESIS OPPORTUNITIES

- Catholicism 101 and other classes to educate parishioners and non-parishioners on our faith, helping to answer basic questions that many are afraid to ask. The goal is to make us all stronger in our faith.
- Liturgical Notes - New Bulletin Spotlight Section