



ALL SAINTS
Roman Catholic Parish
Forward in Faith

From the Cross to the Resurrection



Dear All Saints Parish,

This period of Diocesan Renewal is a great opportunity for us to reflect and seek renewal as a people of God. Pope Francis' hope for renewal is to establish a warmer and more welcoming atmosphere within all the churches worldwide. The Survey results are in, and we would like to share some of the key elements that have come out of the survey. There will be an opportunity for anyone who desires to come and look at all the results. The renewal of the Diocese and All Saints Parish depends on each of us allowing God to work within, renewing our spirits so that, as one body, we may grow closer to the vision Christ has for His Church.

The recent survey has provided us with insights that can help guide this journey. But before we jump to conclusions, let us pause, listen, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our discernment. Together, in prayer and reflection, we can seek the path God is calling us to walk. As we reflect on this journey, I invite you to take time to ponder these three questions: **"What excites you about these results?" "What surprised you?" and "What is the good news, opportunities, for our Parish?"**

May God bless you abundantly, and may He fill our hearts with His love and guidance as we continue to grow as His people, His children.

In the interest of keeping our focus on these three questions, here are items we hope you would prayerfully reflect on:

Parish Demographics:

Catholics in community	9,595 (2021)
Registered parishioners	9,090 (2023)
Average Sunday Mass attendance	1,104 (2023)
Average Sunday Mass attendance	1450 (2024)
Parish survey participants	561 (2024)
Response rate	50.8%

Survey Demographics

Marital status

Married 62% *Single, never married* 16% *Widowed* 13% *Divorced, separated* 7%
Common law 2%

Age distribution: 18-34 - 13% 35-64 - 37% 65+ - 50%

Ethnicity: *Canadian born* 65% *Immigrants* 35%

On our Faith Journey:

Spiritual Improvement: 63% of respondents report an improvement in faith and spiritual growth.

- **Daily Prayer:** 77%
- **Weekly Mass Attendance:** 81% attend weekly,
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** 20% participate weekly.
- **Reconciliation:** 24% never receive the Sacrament.
- **Daily Devotions:** 30% of parishioners engage in daily devotions,
- **Scripture Reading:** 27% read Scripture daily, with 31% occasionally reading.
- **Retreats and Missions:** 53% never attend retreats, indicating a potential area for growth in spiritual retreats.
- **Bible Study Participation:** 58% never participate in Bible studies.

Evangelization and Outreach

- 59% agree that our parish has an active presence in the wider community
- 33% agree that they regularly take part in parish activities that reach out to a wider community

Support for families

- 87% agree that our parish welcomes families to sacramental life

What might our opportunities be:

1. **Communications:** discover and develop new ways of telling our story, one child of God at a time.
2. **Grow Spiritual Engagement:** Increase the number of retreats, missions, and Bible studies to encourage deeper faith exploration.
3. **Advance our Evangelization and Outreach:** Foster a culture of invitation and active participation, particularly in outreach and social justice ministries.
4. **Parish Community Building:** With 35% being immigrants in our survey are we building a unity in our parish? Reaching out, welcoming and embracing change and newness, through small groups or social events.
5. **Support for Families:** Expand support for family and children's faith formation, including additional resources and activities designed for younger parishioners.

Conclusion: All Saints Parish shows strong engagement in traditional faith practices, but there is room for growth in community involvement, evangelization, and family faith support. By focusing on these areas, the Parish can continue to build a vibrant, inclusive community that nurtures spiritual growth and active participation for all members.