



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OLL Community Survey Report

Our Pastoral Council conducted an OLL Community Survey in May to better understand the needs of our members and the community at large. We are pleased to report that over 800 parishioners and other parish visitors who “opted in” to take the survey provided feedback on our Mass/Liturgy and Faith Formation/Religious Education for adults, children, and families. Thank you! We are grateful for your time and valuable insights.

In the coming weeks we will share highlights from the survey here in the bulletin and make a final report available on the parish website as we work together with the Pastoral Council to develop action steps to your suggestions and feedback. But first, here is some background on the scope of the survey and who responded.

Method and Purpose

The survey was designed by Vista Market Intelligence, Inc., a customer research firm led by OLL parishioner David Ludwig, working with parish staff and members of the Pastoral Council Stewardship Committee, to focus on issues regarding Mass/Liturgy and Faith Formation. The research team at Vista also assisted the deployment of the survey and the analysis of results. In addition to measuring your overall satisfaction with Our Lady of the Lake Parish, we focused on ten attributes that help us understand your experience of the Mass at OLL and your needs from the OLL community. These attributes included your experience of our spirit of hospitality and welcome, our liturgical music programs, the

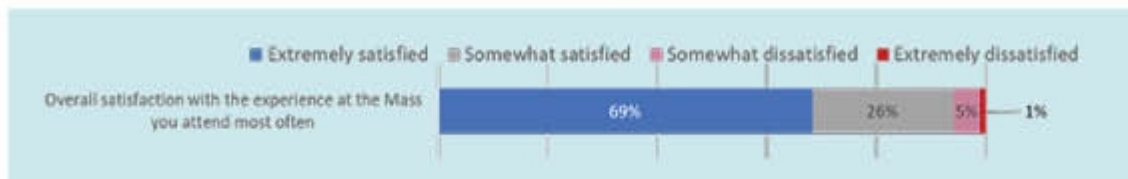
sacraments, preaching, and more.

In future weeks’ bulletins, we will give you more details on how you ranked the importance of these attributes and your evaluations of OLL on each characteristic. One highlight we are happy to report is that 95% of those responding are satisfied with their Mass experience at Our Lady of the Lake (69% extremely satisfied + 26% very satisfied). While

satisfaction was very high overall, some of you offered suggestions



Community SURVEY



for improving the Mass experience and our religious education programs.

Important Attributes. We learned that the three most important attributes that lead to your satisfaction with the Liturgy and Prayer at OLL are:

- “meaningful and inspiring homilies,”
- “a music program that is engaging and uplifting,”
- “a Mass experience that leaves you feeling closer to God”

Survey Responders. In any survey it is important to know the demographics of who responded. This information will help our staff and the Pastoral Council learn more about the different groups within OLL and how we can better serve:

- 60% of those responding “regularly” attend one of the 4 weekend Masses (Saturday evening and the three Sunday Masses); that means 40% do not (and the survey helped us understand why.)
- 57% have been with the parish 10+ years compared with 24% new to the parish in the past 3 years (tenure is

is a helpful tool for evaluating the results.)

- 82% of respondents indicated they were "registered" parishioners at OLL, 22% said they were church/school volunteers, 16% helped serve or volunteer at Mass.
- Many of those responding were engaged in various parish activities. But know that we also heard from 45% of the respondents who said they don't regularly attend other church events or services at OLL.
- 30% of respondents have children in the household and this group was shown an additional set of questions to

help us evaluate our religious education and liturgical music programs for children.

- Most of the respondents were 2-person households (70%).
- Generations-wise, 45% of respondents were age 65+, 36% age 45-64 and 19% under the age of 45.

Next Week: A Look at OLL's Performance on Your Key Attributes

- Tom Tomaszek, *Pastoral Associate*

Understanding Catholic Burial Options

When someone comes to Sacred Heart Cemetery to select a burial place, it's often the first time they've considered what type of burial they would choose for themselves. Casket? Cremation? Casket-Cremation Combination? Green Burial? It can be confusing, but it's helpful to your family if you make your wishes known beforehand.

Several burial choices are permitted by the Catholic Church.

Casket: The most traditional funeral option is to have the casket present in church for the Funeral Mass. Some Funeral Masses are followed by a reception, after which the family and friends proceed to the cemetery for the Prayer of Committal and burial.

Cremation: Cremation has been permitted for Catholics since 1963. Then in 1997, the Congregation for Divine Worship granted further permission to the diocesan bishop to permit the presence of the cremated remains at a Funeral

Mass. After the Funeral Mass, the cremation burial can take place in a ground plot or a columbarium niche, along with the Prayers of Committal at the gravesite. It is not permitted to scatter cremains or separate cremains into items of jewelry or keepsakes.



Combination Casket/Cremation:

Families may choose to have a casket present for the Funeral Mass, and then have the temporary casket returned to the Funeral Home for cremation. Graveside prayers and burial takes place at a later date.

Green Burial: Sacred Heart Cemetery does not have space for Green Burials. However, Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Portland has a section dedicated for Green Burials.

Email Sacred Heart Cemetery for more information: cemetery@ollparish.com.

Join the Administrative Council at OLL

The Administrative Council is looking for members to join the council for a 3 year term. The council reviews financial data and makes recommendations to the Pastor in the areas of: Budgeting, Stewardship, Financial Controls, Facilities Maintenance and Personnel management. We meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday. If interested, please contact Kristen Young at Kristeny@ollparish.com.



Welcome Lisa Juilfs!

Lisa, our new Nursery Ministry Leader is a parishioner with a passion for early childhood education. "It is my goal to offer a safe and welcoming place for our youngest members to enjoy while their parents or family members attend Mass."