

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: **Deacon Romeo Ganibe**

This Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke, the parable of the dishonest steward, is one of those readings that leave us scratching our heads and wondering exactly what it is Jesus is trying to teach us. When I read this passage, I am reminded of the important distinction I must make in my own life: am I a child of this world, or am I a child of the light? The children of this world watch out for their gains here on earth, while the children of the light keep their eyes fixed on their heavenly reward. The dishonest steward, as a child of the world, knew that he was going to lose his current job because of his mistreatment of his master's property. He was "not strong enough to dig and... ashamed to beg" (Lk. 16:3) and so he took the necessary steps to ensure that he would be able to live the life he wanted.

We also often take steps to secure the success of our earthly pursuits, though usually, our motives are more pure than the dishonest steward's.

We spend the majority of our time and energy building our earthly wealth. But how often do we take steps to secure the success of our heavenly pursuits? We are all called to holiness, and the ultimate goal of that calling is to dwell with God in heaven. It can be easy for us to become so caught up in the many things that are required of us each day that we forget to make time for God, either in prayer or in being of service for others.

The dishonest steward took steps to secure a good place in the world. However, as we know, the world and all its riches will pass away. God, on the other hand, calls us to secure a good place for ourselves not in this world, but in eternity. Each day is a new opportunity to share Christ's love with others. In sharing our **GIFTS**, we help ensure that we, along with our family, friends, classmates, and coworkers can all make heavenly gains, and truly be the children of the light we are called to be.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,

(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

(or by appointment)

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in:

Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service, and other ***Spirit-led*** activities.

We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

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Pastor's Corner

A Step by Step of Holy Hour in Adoration

The purpose of a holy hour is to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We can do many things during the Holy Hour. Venerable Fulton Sheen tells us that with each Holy Hour we do, in a way, we undo the first failed Holy Hour of the disciples when our Lord said to them: “Could you not keep watch one hour with me?” In our Holy Hours, we keep vigil with the Lord. Here are some steps to help you prepare for a Holy Hour:

Step 1: Prep-work
We need to remember that like much else in life we need to prepare for the event. If we are on our way to the church to pray, do we have the music going with the latest hit or are we beginning to focus on Jesus Christ? We need to “pray before we pray.” It sounds funny but praying that God would bless our prayer and dispose of us by removing distractions and anxieties is key.

Step 2: Enter in
When we get to the place where we have gone to pray we need to give ourselves over to the time with Jesus. It is time to focus. At this time, it is helpful to offer the time with our Lord for an intention, whether it is for our family, friends, the Church, or distress of our times.

Step 3: Practice Prayer
We need to practice things to become good at them. Sometimes prayer seems distasteful or difficult. If there is difficulty in a type of prayer you are practicing, to the point where you cannot focus, then move on to another type of prayer. If you are meditating on Scripture and keep getting distracted, then maybe it is time to start praying for the people in your family.

Step 4: Thank God
As time concludes for this prayer, we need to collect mentally all of the graces and experiences we have received and thank God for them. Then we can end the time with an Our Father or Hail Mary.

Step 5: Remember
As we go about our lives, let's keep in mind those graces in prayer we were given and revisit them in future prayer times. It is important to view all the prayers we say as interrelated.





IS CFM FOR YOU? CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Aloha! Our newest ministry, The SJA&E Christian Family Movement (CFM), is a place to share your concerns about whether you're doing a good job as a parent. It's a place to learn how to be a better spouse. It's a way to grow as a child of God. CFMers meet for study, conversation, simple companionship, and fun. CFMers discuss issues relating to home, workplace, society, and learn how to make things better for themselves and their families by letting Christ lead them. CFM will be on the church lanai after all Masses on Sept 22; Oct 13, 27; Nov 10; Dec 3 and 22. Find out more about us! Call Patrick A. Guzman at (808) 351-6179 for all the details.

“Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

Parish Rectory Hours Monday: 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM Tues. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday/Sunday: Closed
Outreach Office Hours Tuesday: 9 AM to 12 PM Friday: 9 AM to 11 AM FOOD PANTRY Hours Tues.- Fri.: 9 AM to 11 AM
Religious Ed Office Hours Monday/ Saturday: Closed Tues., Thurs & Fri. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

In this passage, the prophet Amos condemns the complacent behavior of the leaders in Israel in the face of those languishing in dire poverty. His denunciation is not wealth itself but the blindness of the affluent. The use of the word “woe” denotes the degree of the prophet’s anger. The prophet warns that the affluence of the wealthy will be cut short.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Psalm 146 is a hymn of praise to the Lord (Hallelujah in Hebrew.) The psalm is in praise to the Lord “who keeps faith forever,” that is who keeps his Covenant forever and does everything listed in the psalm. For all that we sing: “Praise the Lord, my soul.”

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

In this personal message to Timothy, Paul delivers a fourfold charge: pursue the virtues; fight for the faith; grasp eternal life; keep the commandments. These are responsibilities any Christian is called to fulfill. The righteousness Timothy is called to pursue is right conduct in human affairs; openness to God’s will as well as faith and trust in God. Paul uses a metaphor from athletic competition to illustrate the struggle that being faithful entails in order to win. The prize Paul has in mind is eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

In the story of Lazarus and a rich man, the gospel passage this Sunday paints a picture of radical reversals of fortunes. Lazarus who was a beggar, languishing in suffering, enjoys the bliss of heaven, while the one (and is nameless purposely) who feasted sumptuously every day ends up tormented in the netherworld and begging for a drop of water! The contrast throughout the text is so sharp to make the point clear. The rich man is dressed in royal purple, while Lazarus is covered with sores! Lazarus dies and is carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man dies and is buried! Lazarus enjoys eternal life, while the rich man is tormented!

Follow Msgr. John’s Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com
Podcast (audio):
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday, September 23, 2019
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Louie Cuerva (Death Anniversary)
Mark Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
(8 am) †Florencia Silva Solano
(Death Anniversary)
†Shiloh Aiu
†Maxima Locquiao
Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Raymond & Karen Aguinaldo
(Wedding Anniversary)
†Mike Aguinaldo
(Death Anniversary)
Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)
Thursday, September 26, 2019
(8 am) †Wayne Ursal
(Death Anniversary)
Pearl Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)
†**Friday, September 27, 2019**
(8 am) Patricia Vickers (Healing)
Esperidion Cortel (Birthday Blessing)
Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)
Saturday, September 28, 2019
(8 am) Nick Tatistcheff (Healing)
†Jean Kekiwi (Birthday Memorial)
Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)
5 pm Ailani Johnson Myers (Healing)
Sunday, September 29, 2019
7am †Felicitas & Alfredo R. Cordial
Jr. & Sr.
9 am For the People
11 am Derrick Shockley Jr.
(Birthday Blessing)
6 pm Suzanna Foster
(Healing/Blessing)
†**Rest in Peace**†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Linda Eguchi, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhī, Marcelino Esdicul Sr., Lillian Chalmers, Alfred Fajota, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Benjamin Bae Sr., Shirley Pichon, Mary Anne Q. Llacuna & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: John K. Taflinger , Basilia V. Asuncion, Clova Y. Ramos, Bernadette Cypriano, Gilbert Buna Jr., Jesus Caldera, Paulina Wong, Federico G. Badua, Virgilio V. Benitez, Mary Ama, Shiloh John Aiu, Thelma Ruiz, Nestor “Jun” Tantamco, Lawrence Wilson, Anne Nishihara, Evelyn Bolosan, Ted Encarnado, Ted C. Abear, Kenneth Silva & Robert “Bob” Duncan Sr.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:
Anointing of the Sick
Baptisms (Oct 13 & 20, Nov 10 & 17, Dec 8 & 15.)
Baptism Preparation Classes: Oct 6, Nov 3 & Dec 1.
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

 **The Parish Health Ministry** is sponsoring the **FLU VACCINATION DAY** scheduled on Sat., Sept. 28th from 9 am at St. John's. Vaccines will be provided by Walgreens. For more info, contact Bonnie Delos Santos at (808) 312-3651 or Elaine Gibson at (808) 497-8366.

Online Giving – Stewardship is made easier than ever with our online giving system, WeShare. Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account in 3 easy steps.
1) Visit our church website, www.stjohnmililani.org, and click on **Online Giving**. 2) Set up your account. 3) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

Let us serve one another in love!
The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	9/14-9/15
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,844.79
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,686.60
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 625.25
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,018.75
Donation- thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 15.00
Donation– Charity	\$ 8.00
Donation– Children's Collection	\$ 6.00
Donation- Youth & Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Candle Sales	\$ 425.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 20,759.39
Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.- Proverbs 3:9	

†FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS†
Ray Aloang Bautista (RIP)
Sunday, September 22, 2019 – Visitation: 5:30 pm ~
Prayer Service: 6:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel
Monday, September 23, 2019 (SJAE, Mililani) Mass: 10:00 am
Burial: 1:30 pm~ Mililani Memorial Park
Michael Masato Tanaka (RIP)
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – Visitation: 9:00 am ~
Wake Service: 10:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel
Burial: 1:00 pm~ National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific
Evelyn Leonora Baysa Bolosan (RIP)
Sunday, September 29, 2019 – Visitation: 5:00 pm ~
Prayer Service: 6:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel
Monday, September 30, 2019 (SJAE, Mililani)
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am
Burial: 12:30 pm~ Mililani Memorial Park
Nestor (Jun) Luis Juanitez Tantamco, Jr. (RIP)
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – Visitation: 5:30 pm ~
Prayer Service: 6:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel
Thursday, October 3, 2019 (SJAE, Mililani)
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 10:30 am
Burial: 1:00 pm~ Mililani Memorial Park

 *The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, October 4, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am on Saturday, October 5.*

San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena
The Fil-Am Catholic Group is hosting a novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz from September 19th to September 26th.

	Mon., Sept 23	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rm 4
	Tues., Sept 24	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rm 4
	Wed., Sept 25	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rm 4
	Thurs., Sept 26	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rm 4
	Fri., Sept 27	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Rm 4
	Sat., Sept 28	5 pm Mass	Church

On Saturday, Sept. 28th, everyone is invited for fellowship and a potluck following the 5:00 pm Mass in classrooms 2 & 3. Please contact Marcie Wong (808) 375- 6752.

If you are a non-practicing Catholic or know of someone who left the Church and is not practicing his or her faith, we invite you and ask you to encourage others to join us for informal listening sessions & an update of the Catholic faith. **Next series will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in classroom 2.**
October 1: Sharing Stories of Faith
October 8: The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II
October 15: Explanation of the Mass
October 22: The Sacrament of Penance
October 29: The Nicene Creed
For more info, contact the CRH team at (808) 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org. Everyone is welcome!





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR



Next weekend, our parish will conduct a survey to measure the effectiveness of our programs and to assess the greatest needs of our parish community. This is an opportunity for all of those who come to this parish to make their needs and opinions known. The results will help us better serve all those who attend Mass here. The survey is being conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) a Catholic research center. The survey will be distributed and collected in-pew during all Masses on the weekend of September 28-29. A sample of next week's survey is in this week's bulletin. Our parish will receive a report summarizing our results within 12 weeks of the survey, and the findings will be used as we transition to a new pastor in July 2020 and for the next Five Year Pastoral Plan. Thank you for your cooperation and participation.



St. John's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, September 23. Praise and Worship begins at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa. For more information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 & Stephen / Helen Uyehara 623-7423.

St. John's participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual

Community Matching Gifts Program. From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach, #77455.**



The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out on all Masses for the month of September. There is a need of nonperishable: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake & Muffin Mix, Cocoa/ Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.

2019 Diocesan Rosary Relay: 7 days & nights Masses, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Hourly Recitation of the Rosary, Confession, Processions. In our Diocese, we want to experience "the traveling congress." The Diocesan Relay will start on Mon., Oct 7 at 6 pm and end on Mon., Oct 13 at 6 pm. **St. John A&E will be participating on Thurs., Oct 10 at 6 am - 12noon in the Church. 6 am - 7:45 am - Rosary; 8 am Mass; 8:45 am - 12 noon-Rosary.**

Homebound Ministry: There will be a refresher course on **Thursday, Oct. 10th at 7 pm** in classroom 3. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Yolanda Morreira at (808) 220-8997. It's open to everyone.

SJAE Women's Guild Membership Meeting on Saturday, Oct 12 at 9 am in classroom #3. Please come to participate in the holiday planning. The annual WG Birthday Luncheon will be on Thursday, Oct 17 at 11 am at Helemano Plantation Café. Sign up on the WG website at <https://stjewomensguild.shutterfly.com/> or see one of the officers.

▪ **Our Faith, Our Freedom- Introducing the** Hawaii Catholic Advance Healthcare Directive- The Hawaii Catholic Conference invites all adults, ages 18 and older, to attend the following rollout session: Saturday October 5 from 9 am to Noon at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio. ▪ Learn how to start a conversation about end-of-life decisions with a loved one, how to make morally sound decisions about medical care when a person may be nearing death, how to choose an agent and complete the AHCD form, and about palliative care and the benefits of hospice services. For more information, visit catholicahawaii.org/hcc.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts & testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: Sept 23 – Sept 29

Monday– 7:30 am—Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 6)
7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)
7 pm– Healing Mass (CH)
Tuesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Women's Bible Study (Rm 2)
9 am– Church Cleaning– Environment
10 am- Food Pantry (CH parking lot)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
6:30 pm- Catholics Returning Home (Rm 2)
7 pm- 5 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)
Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
6:30 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
7 pm– 9 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA- Session #5: Saints (Rm 3)
7:30 pm—NA Meeting (Rm 6)
Thursday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
6:30 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
7 pm- Leadership Gathering (Rms 1-3)
Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
4 pm- 2 Hearts (CH)
6:30 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 4)
9 am- Lector Ministry Mtg/ Training (CH)
9 am- PHM- Flu Vaccine Administration (CH Lanai)
10 am- Rosary Making Ministry (CH Lanai)
3 pm- Fil Am– San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (Rm 4)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm- CARA Survey
6 pm- Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz (Rms 2-3)
Sunday– Masses
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
CARA Survey at all Masses
Religious Education: “B” Schedule
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)



**Parish Life Survey – St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish, Mililani, Hawaii CARA –
Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate**

This questionnaire will help us to better understand the needs and concerns of St. John Apostle and Evangelist parishioners and to plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an "X" in the appropriate boxes below. If a question does not apply to you, please leave it blank.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

**1=Poor 3=Good
2=Fair 4=Excellent
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable**

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 1. St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish overall
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 2. Sense of community within the parish
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 3. Masses and liturgies in general
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4. Leadership provided by the Clergy (priest and deacons)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 6. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 7. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need or distress
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing

Please evaluate these parish programs and outreach efforts.

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 9. Upkeep of parish facilities
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 10. St. John's Catholic Preschool
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 11. Children's religious education programs
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 12. Youth ministry (ages 12 to 17)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 13. Faith formation for adults
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 14. Family life ministry (ministry married, single, and engaged persons)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 15. Respect Life
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 16. Outreach to young adults (ages 18 to 26)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 17. Outreach to senior citizens (ages 60 and older)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 18. Outreach to those divorced or separated
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 19. Outreach to those grieving
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 20. Outreach to those sick or homebound
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 21. Outreach to those with physical disabilities
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 22. Outreach to those with developmental or intellectual disabilities
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 23. Outreach to the neighborhood around the church
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 24. Outreach to those in financial need and the homeless
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 25. Outreach to those in need of food assistance
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 26. Outreach to inactive Catholics
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 27. Outreach to new parishioners

Using the numbers for items 9-27 above, to which three should the parish give most priority?

28. _____ 29. _____ 30. _____

Sample

Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses overall for the Mass you most regularly attend.

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 31. Weekend Masses in general
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 32. Hospitality or sense of welcome
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 33. Greeters at weekend Masses
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 34. Liturgical environment (cleanliness, flowers, banners, etc.)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 35. The music group at your regular Mass
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 36. Readers/lectors
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 37. Homilies
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 38. Ushers
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 39. Weekend Mass schedule

Please evaluate the following parish facilities.

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 40. Enough space for parking
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 41. Access to the church for those with disabilities
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 42. Lighting in the church
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 43. Sound clarity during Mass
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 44. Chairs and kneelers
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 45. Classrooms in the parish center (not the One Community Center)

Please use these responses for the questions below.

**1=Not at All 3=Somewhat
2=Only a Little 4=Very or Very Much
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable**

How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 46. Announcements read at Mass
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 47. Slides shown before Mass
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 48. Sunday bulletins
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 49. Parish newsletter (every two months)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 50. Social media (Facebook)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 51. Parish website
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 52. myParish App

How much do the following attract you to this parish?

- 1 2 3 4**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 53. Its open, welcoming spirit
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 54. The quality of the liturgy
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 55. The quality of the preaching
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 56. Its religious education/formation for children and youth
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 57. Its faith formation for adults
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 58. Its opportunities for spiritual growth
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 59. Its commitment to social ministry/outreach
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 60. The sense of belonging you feel here

sample

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=None or Not at All 3=Somewhat
2=Only a Little 4=Very Much
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

What priority do you give the following for the parish?

1 2 3 4

- ☐☐☐☐ 61. Parish missions
☐☐☐☐ 62. Fostering greater spiritual growth among parishioners
☐☐☐☐ 63. Providing retreat opportunities
☐☐☐☐ 64. More opportunities for small group prayer or Bible study
☐☐☐☐ 65. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration

How much do the following prevent you from volunteering more for the parish?

1 2 3 4

- ☐☐☐☐ 66. Your busy schedules or lack of time
☐☐☐☐ 67. Problems with transportation
☐☐☐☐ 68. Lack of childcare
☐☐☐☐ 69. Being a caretaker for someone
☐☐☐☐ 70. Health problems or a disability
☐☐☐☐ 71. Not being aware of parish needs
☐☐☐☐ 72. Not having been personally invited
☐☐☐☐ 73. Not being sure who to contact
☐☐☐☐ 74. ☐ You already volunteer as much as you'd like

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Strongly Disagree 3=Somewhat Agree
2=Somewhat Disagree 4=Strongly Agree
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

Please respond to the following about parish life.

1 2 3 4

- ☐☐☐☐ 75. I feel included in parish life
☐☐☐☐ 76. I enjoy attending Mass at this parish
☐☐☐☐ 77. When I attend Mass here, I leave feeling closer to God
☐☐☐☐ 78. Participation in this faith community has deepened my faith
☐☐☐☐ 79. The parish helps me become a better person
☐☐☐☐ 80. The parish helps me develop my spiritual life
☐☐☐☐ 81. I enjoy participating in programs at this parish
☐☐☐☐ 82. The programs I have attended at this parish have helped bring me closer to God
☐☐☐☐ 83. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor
☐☐☐☐ 84. Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making in the parish
☐☐☐☐ 85. I feel informed about parish finances
☐☐☐☐ 86. I understand the concept of stewardship
☐☐☐☐ 87. I feel invited to participate in the ministries of the parish.
☐☐☐☐ 88. I prefer to give to specific projects rather than a general fund

89. About how frequently do you currently attend Mass?

- ☐ 1. Never or rarely ☐ 4. Almost every week
☐ 2. A few times a year ☐ 5. Every week
☐ 3. Once or twice a month ☐ 6. More than once a week

90. What Mass do you normally attend at this parish?

Please select only one.

- ☐ 1. 5 p.m. Saturday ☐ 4. 11 a.m. Sunday
☐ 2. 7 a.m. Sunday ☐ 5. 6 p.m. Sunday
☐ 3. 9 a.m. Sunday

91. Excluding your Mass attendance, how many ministries or activities are you involved with at this parish?

- ☐ 1. None ☐ 3. Two to four
☐ 2. One ☐ 4. Five or more

92. Number of years you have attended this parish?

- ☐ 1. This is not my regular parish ☐ 3. Two to four
☐ 2. 2 years or less ☐ 4. Five or more
☐ 3. 3 to 5 years

Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions.

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ 93. Are you registered in this parish?
☐ ☐ 94. Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?
☐ ☐ 95. Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?
☐ ☐ 96. Do you regularly give to the parish's weekly offertory, either in pew or electronically?
☐ ☐ 97. Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
☐ ☐ 98. If you are currently married: Was your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church?
☐ ☐ 99. If you are currently married: Is your spouse Catholic?
☐ ☐ 100. If your spouse is not Catholic: Does he or she feel welcome at this parish?

101. Year you were born: _____ (4-digit year)

102. Gender: ☐ 1. Male ☐ 2. Female

103. What best describes your current marital status?

- ☐ 1. Single, never married ☐ 3. Divorced or separated
☐ 2. Married or remarried ☐ 4. Widowed

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ 104. Do you have children or stepchildren ages 12 and younger living with you at present?
☐ ☐ 105. Do you have children or stepchildren ages 13 to 17 living with you at present?

Thank you for completing this survey.

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