

Parish Survey Findings

During the fourth quarter of 2020, the parishioners of St. Patrick were asked to participate in a parish-wide survey, giving people an opportunity to reflect on their spiritual growth, level of involvement in the parish, as well as their satisfaction with the parish and parish related activities. Approximately 40% of our active* parishioners completed the survey. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts. **We appreciate your efforts in providing the parish valuable insights into how we can enhance our faith and service based community. Below is a brief overview of the survey findings.**

PARISH STRENGTHS

Based on the survey data, we have identified our top **parish strengths**.

The following percentages show those who answered "agree or strongly agree" for each question.

90% have a solid foundation in our **religious beliefs and the fundamentals** of our Catholic faith.

90% recommend our **Parish**, **85%** recommend our **Parish Staff**, and **82%** recommend our **Pastor**.

88% believe the **parish clergys' preaching** helps us grow spiritually.

79% say we are a **welcoming community**, where people feel they belong. Our parish is more than a place to worship.

98% recommend our **Parish School**.

94% feel our parish **communicates well** and makes information readily available.

86% affirm we have a **strong social outreach program**, providing many opportunities to serve people in need.

PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

Although the results are encouraging, you have helped us identify some opportunities for growth. These areas include:



We will grow even more in our faith by increasing participation in activities to enhance our **spiritual life**: confession, classes, workshops, retreats and pastoral counseling or spiritual direction.



We will strengthen our **missionary discipleship** by enabling parishioners to share their personal witness stories, helping them feel confident to have a conversation about faith with family and friends, and inviting another person to a parish activity or Mass.



We will help our parishioners feel comfortable inviting someone to consider a **vocation to religious life**.

NEXT STEPS

Father Redcay commissioned a team of parishioners with varied backgrounds to review the survey results and other data in order to develop a 'go-forward' plan for St. Patrick. The members of this team include:

**Fr. Redcay | Fr. Arul | Francee Biondi
Steven Garofano | Max Manzi | Janet McManus
Mike Moran | Kara Tabella | Jenna Violi**

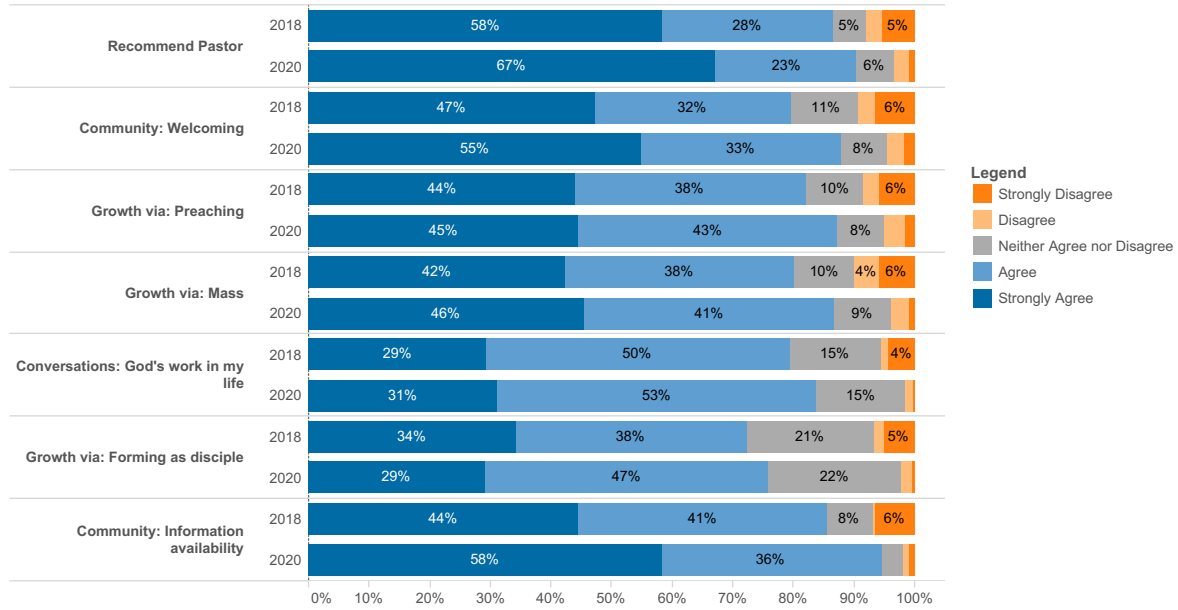
The team will be meeting for the next few months to pray and discern the future direction for St. Patrick parish based on extensive data, and your survey responses. But the team does not walk alone on this journey. We invite you to offer your comments, thoughts, and ideas to any team member. Your help will be vital in moving St. Patrick Parish into the future. Please hold the team and our parish in constant and fervent prayer that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit. **We look forward to providing a follow-up communication in Fall 2021.**

** Those who attend mass regularly*

Note: This survey was conducted during the pandemic, likely affecting some responses of those participating.

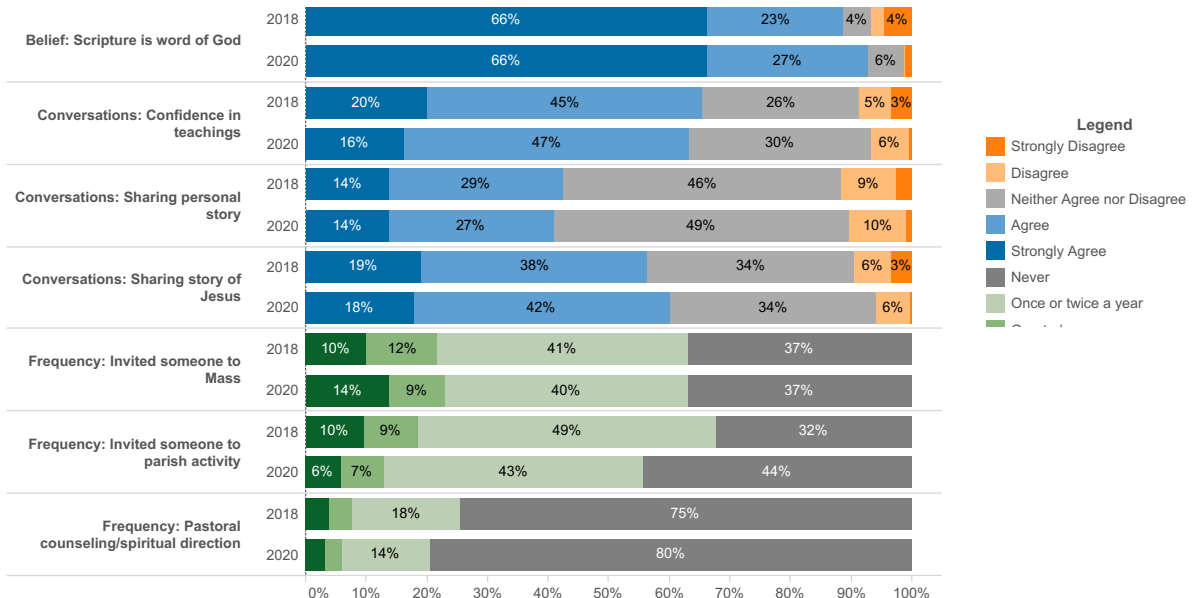
WHAT DRIVES A PARISHIONER TO GROW SPIRITUALLY AS A CATHOLIC AND RECOMMEND THEIR PARISH TO A FRIEND

The factors displayed below have the most impact on a parishioner’s spiritual growth and also the most impact on a parishioner’s likelihood to recommend their parish to a friend with the exception of “Information is easy to find” (only driver of Recommend Parish) and “Forming as a disciple” (only driver of spiritual growth).

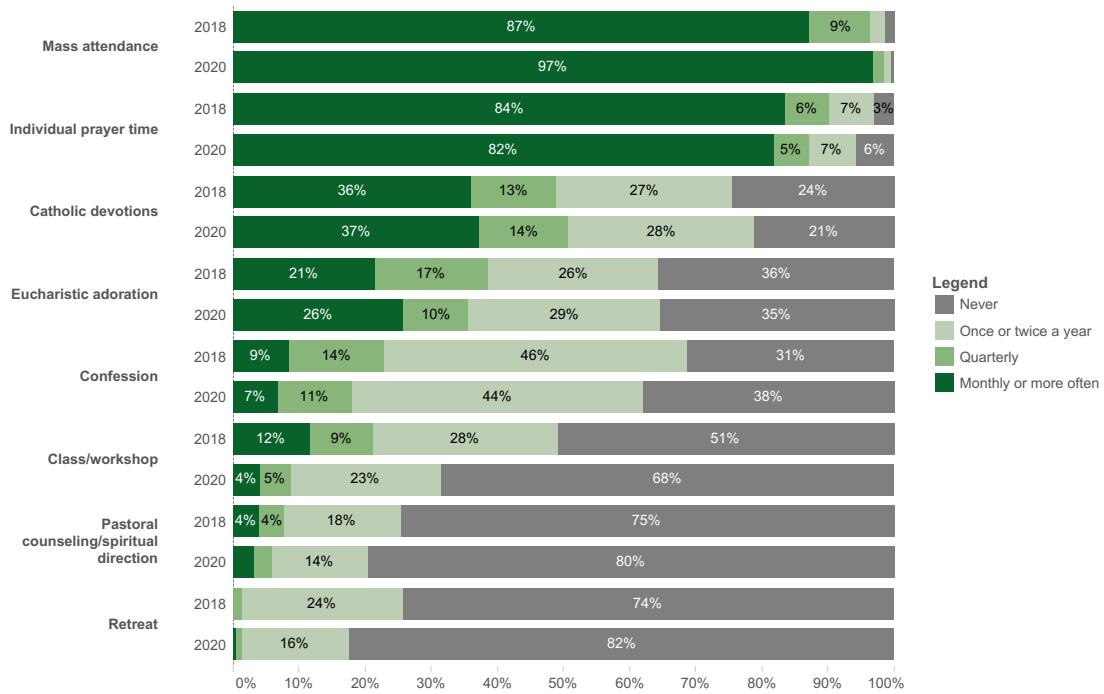


WHAT DRIVES A PARISHIONER TO SHARE A PERSONAL WITNESS STORY

The factors displayed below have the most impact on a parishioner to share a personal witness story. Hover over any graph to see its survey item text.



FREQUENCY OF PARTICIPATION IN PERSONAL PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE



FREQUENCY OF PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

