

**Cultural Diversity In-Pew Survey Results for
Saint James Parish, Chicago, Illinois**

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Introduction

The Cultural Diversity Parish Life Survey was designed by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University in 2014. The survey was designed in collaboration with the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2014 for a nationwide project concerning how well the Catholic Church is meeting the needs of culturally diverse groups in the United States.

The survey is being distributed in-pew in 30 randomly-selected parishes across the United States, including St. James Parish in Chicago, Illinois, during spring 2016. At the time that this brief summary report of findings from St. James Parish was released, the project has not yet been completed.

St. James Parish distributed the questionnaire to those attending its parish liturgies on a weekend in May 2016. In all, there were 65 respondents for St. James, all to the English-language version of the questionnaire. Following standard assumptions of statistical inference, a sample size of 65 provides a margin of error of approximately ± 12.1 percentage points.¹

Presented in this report are a demographic profile and the major findings for those responding to the survey at St. James Parish. The appendices present the response frequencies for each question on the survey and the responses to the open-ended survey questions. This report is being released to the parish only and will not be released to any other person or organization.

¹Strictly speaking, it is necessary to know the total population (in this case, the total number of adult parishioners) to calculate margin of error. CARA's standard assumption for its in-pew parish surveys is that about half of parishioners are represented. For obvious reasons, those who are represented in a given in-pew survey are disproportionately more frequent Mass attenders.

Interpreting This Report

Most of the questions in the Cultural Diversity Parish Life Survey use four point response scales (“not at all,” “only a little,” “somewhat,” “very much”; or “strongly disagree,” “somewhat disagree,” “somewhat agree,” “strongly agree”). These scales allow half of the responses to be interpreted as relatively more “negative” (“not at all” and “only a little,” for example) and half as relatively more “positive” (“somewhat” and “very much,” for example). In most of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say “strongly disagree” and “strongly agree,” to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100 percent, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to each question, separately calculated out of 100 percent for clarity of comparison.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The margin of error for *differences between subgroups*, such as the differences among those identifying different racial and ethnic backgrounds, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Because respondents to the survey were allowed to select more than one race or ethnicity, standard tests for statistical significance are impractical. As such, for this parish only differences of 20 percentage points or more have been reported. As such, these differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

In addition to the quantitative data analyzed in this report, several open-ended questions on the survey collected qualitative data. For these data, respondents were prompted with a question and given an open box for written comments, rather than select from a set of response options. These comments are presented, unanalyzed and unedited, in Appendix II.

The results of this survey fairly represent the characteristics and attitudes of people ages 16 and older who attend Mass at St. James Parish. It cannot, for example, be used to make inferences about populations outside of Mass attendees at the parish; it is not representative of those who do not attend Mass or those who are only involved in parish functions excluding Mass.

Major Findings

Major findings for St. James Parish include the following, organized by topic areas. For a more detailed look at the results for the parish, see Appendices I and II.

Evaluation of Outreach to Culturally Diverse Groups

- When asked to identify their racial and ethnic backgrounds, 3 percent of respondents identify more than one. Responses are as follows:
 - Black, African, African American, or Afro-Caribbean: 51 percent
 - White, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo: 43 percent
 - American Indian or Alaska Native: 3 percent
 - Hispanic or Latino(a): 3 percent
 - Asian, Pacific Islander, or Native Hawaiian: 2 percent
 - An “other” race or ethnicity: 2 percent (The one respondent writing in an “other” race or ethnicity wrote in “Mixed.”)
 - Due to the relatively small number of respondents in the other categories, only comparisons between those identifying as black, African, African American, or Afro-Caribbean and those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo are possible.

- Fully 100 percent “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that St. James Parish is welcoming to members of different nationalities, cultures, races, and ethnicities.

- Ninety-five percent at least “somewhat” agree that parish leadership and staff understand their culture.

- Eighty-seven percent agree at least “somewhat” that they would like to see more priests of different cultural backgrounds in the parish. Some 30 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “strongly” agree with this statement, compared to 8 percent of respondents overall.

- Some 98 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that St. James Parish is multicultural.

- Ninety-seven percent agree at least “somewhat” that parishioners are eager to understand the different cultures in the parish community.

- Fifteen percent agree at least “somewhat” that they often feel like outsiders at the parish because of their nationalities, races, ethnicities, languages, or cultures.

- Fully 90 percent agree at least “somewhat” that St. James Parish celebrates feast days that are important to them.
- Sixty-five percent at least “somewhat” agree that the parish should be more involved in understanding the different cultures within the parish community. Some 72 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that it should, compared to 52 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo.

Desire for More Diversity in Parish Life

- Seventy-six percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they would like to see more diversity in the parish.
- Fully 95 percent at least “somewhat” agree that having people of different cultural backgrounds enriches the parish.
- When asked whether the parish should be more involved in welcoming 13 distinct groups, St. James Parish respondents are especially likely to “strongly” agree it should make a greater effort to welcome these groups: people with disabilities (54 percent), inactive Catholics (52 percent), young adult parishioners (52 percent), and divorced parishioners (50 percent).
- Some 44 percent of all respondents “strongly” agree that the parish should be more involved in welcoming African Americans and Africans to the parish. Fifty-two percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “strongly” agree they should compared to 33 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo.
- Ninety-two percent at least “somewhat” agree that they would like more parish events that bring together parishioners of different nationalities, ethnicities, languages, cultures, and races.
- Some 74 percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish should be more involved in celebrating cultural diversity. Some 37 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “strongly” agree that it should, compared to 16 percent of white, Caucasian, European Americans, or Anglos.
- Eighty-six percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that the parish staff reflects the cultural diversity of the parish.

Sense of Community and Involvement in Parish Life

- Ninety-eight percent “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that parishioners worship and share together as one community. Some 89 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo “strongly” agree that they do, compared to 68 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean.
- Some 97 percent agree at least “somewhat” that parishioners of different cultures participate in parish life together.
- Ten percent at least “somewhat” agree that there is some tension between different cultural groups in the parish. Some 79 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “strongly” *disagree* that there is, compared to 58 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American or Anglo.
- Fully 82 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that the parish should be more involved in improving the sense of community among parishioners.
- Respondents were asked how interested they would be in 12 distinct programs and efforts. The six programs and efforts respondents most often reported being “very” interested in are community service and volunteering (43 percent), adult faith formation classes (31 percent), outreach programs to at-risk youth (31 percent), collaboration with other parishes (29 percent), language classes for parishioners (29 percent), and efforts to register voters (29 percent).
- Fifty-nine percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean say they are “somewhat” or “very much” interested in whole family catechetical classes, compared to 22 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, and Anglo.
- Similarly, 64 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean say they are “somewhat” or “very much” interested in Charismatic Renewal, compared to 29 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo.
- Finally, 65 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean report being “somewhat” or “very” interested in Catholic fraternal societies, compared to 35 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American, or Anglo.

Communication

- Ninety-three percent report that English is the primary language used in their home. Two percent say Spanish is the primary language used in their homes, 2 percent say Vietnamese is the primary language, and 3 percent identify an “other” language as the primary language. The two “other” languages written in are “English and French” and “French and Creole.”
- Fully 95 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that parish communications are made in the language(s) used by parishioners.
- Sixteen percent at least “somewhat” agree that they are best able to read the bulletin and parish website in a language other than English.
- Eighty-two percent “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that parishioners talk openly about cultural diversity in the parish.
- Some 88 percent agree at least “somewhat” that St. James Parish encourages a dialogue and collaboration among various cultures.
- Sixty-one percent at least “somewhat” agree that the parish should be more involved in using materials inclusive to all of the languages spoken by parishioners.
- Fully 81 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that the parish should be more involved in welcoming non-English speakers.
- Ninety-four percent at least “somewhat” agree that they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor.

Need for More Outreach to Immigrants

- Fully 89 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that St. James Parish should be more involved in welcoming immigrants.
- Seventy-two percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish should be more involved in providing assistance to immigrants.
- Some 74 percent at least “somewhat” agree the parish should be more involved in providing pastoral care to refugees.

- Fifty-one percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they would like more parish opportunities to provide help in other countries. Some 61 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American, or Afro-Caribbean “somewhat” or “strongly” agree with this statement, compared to 39 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American or Anglo.

Social Justice

- Fully 97 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that St. James Parish spreads the message to seek peace and justice.
- Ninety percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish spreads the message to protect life.
- Eighty-four percent at least “somewhat” agree that the parish should be more involved in providing support for the poor and marginalized. Some 93 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that it should, compared to 72 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American or Anglo.
- Some 79 percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish should be more involved in welcoming low-income families. Some 59 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American, or Afro-Caribbean “strongly” agree that it should, compared to 33 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American or Anglo.

Evangelization and Outreach to Other Groups

- Some 84 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that the parish reaches out to those who have lost a sense of faith.
- Seventy-two percent at least “somewhat” agree that St. James Parish is growing in numbers.
- Fully 82 percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish should be more involved in welcoming new parishioners.
- Eighty-seven percent agree at least “somewhat” that the parish should be more involved in welcoming inactive Catholics.
- Some 66 percent of respondents report currently living closer to another parish.

Other Aspects of Parish Life

- Some 76 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that St. James Parish celebrates differently than many other Catholic parishes in the United States. Some 54 percent of those identifying as white, Caucasian, European American or Anglo “strongly” agree with this statement, compared to 33 percent of those identifying as black, African, African American or Afro-Caribbean.
- Ninety-two percent agree at least “somewhat” that the music at Mass reflects the style(s) they desire.
- Seventy-five percent agree at least “somewhat” that they have a role in the decision making of the parish.
- Fully 91 percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they feel encouraged to participate in parish ministry.
- Seventy-four percent report being personally involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish.
- Eighty-seven percent agree at least “somewhat” that sufficient community activities other than Mass are provided.
- Eighty-eight percent report being registered at the parish. Ninety-five percent say the parish is their primary place of worship.
- Respondents were invited to write in a response to these questions: *What is the biggest challenge your parish faces? What would help the parish respond to this challenge?* Responses are presented in Appendix II, unedited.

Demographic and Religious Characteristics

- Ninety percent of respondents at the parish were born in the United States. Among those born elsewhere, two say they were born in Haiti, one was born in Germany, and one was born in Nigeria.
- The average age of respondents in 2016 is 57. Half report being age 64 or younger. For more information about the age of respondents, see Appendix II.
- Some 59 percent of respondents are female and 41 percent are male. Some 28 percent have never married, 42 percent are married and another 2 percent live with a partner.

Eighteen percent are divorced or separated and 10 percent are widowed. Among those married, 45 percent report having been married in the Catholic Church.

- Fifteen percent of respondents have at least one child or stepchild living with them.¹ Among those with children or stepchildren living with them in their homes, 9 percent have at least one child or stepchild enrolled in a Catholic school. For more information about how many children or stepchildren are living with respondents, see Appendix I.
- The top five ZIP codes reported are 60616 (42 percent), 60605 (7 percent), 60609 (7 percent), 60619 (7 percent), and 60653 (7 percent). For more ZIP code information, see Appendix II.
- Some 61 percent have been active Catholics since birth, another 18 percent identify as returned Catholics, and 16 percent are converts to Catholicism. No respondents say they are inactive Catholics and 5 percent identify as non-Catholics.
- Among those Catholics responding, 93 percent have received First Communion / Eucharist, 95 percent have received Confirmation, and 25 percent have received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

¹ As all respondents age 16 or older in households responded to this question, more than one person per household may have responded.

Appendix I: Questionnaire with Response Frequencies

Interpreting this Data Sheet

On the following two pages, the numbers reported are the percentages of respondents to each question giving that response. For example, below is a sample of a section from the survey.

Please use these responses for questions 1 to 49.
1 = Strongly Disagree **3** = Somewhat Agree
2 = Somewhat Disagree **4** = Strongly Agree

My parish should be more involved in...

1	2	3	4	NR	
10	14	36	40	5	20. Understanding the different cultures that exist within the parish community
9	14	44	37	10	21. Celebrating culturally diversity
40	5	30	25	36	22. Providing assistance to immigrants
30	15	25	30	18	23. Providing pastoral care of refugees
3	33	42	22	5	24. Providing support for the poor and marginalized
22	22	16	40	22	25. Using materials inclusive to all of the languages spoken by parishioners
8	12	40	40	18	26. Improving the sense of community among parishioners

In the example, the box contains the response scale for the questions that follow. Thus, for question 20:

- First, five percent did not answer this question (NR, or Non-response is 5).
- Of the 95 percent who did respond:
 - 10 percent said “Strongly Disagree”
 - 14 percent said “Somewhat Disagree”
 - 36 percent said “Somewhat Agree,”
 - and
 - 40 percent said “Strongly Agree”
 100 percent of all those who responded to the question

This is the format for all but questions 62, 66, 68, 72-74, and 80. The data presented in items 62, 66, and 72-74 are the averages for those questions, the median response (the response below and above which there is an equal number of values) and the non-response rate. Thus, for example, a 2.3 average for item 62 means that on average, respondents are involved in 2.3 ministries or activities at the parish. And a median response of “1” for item 62 means that half of all responses are above or below “1.” Where a respondent wrote in a non-numeric response, the complete list of responses is presented in Appendix II.

Parish Life Survey Data Sheet for St. James Parish, Chicago, Illinois

Some 65 respondents at the parish age 16 and over responded to the questionnaire, all to the English-language version. The percentage for each response is below or beside its respective number, calculated out of 100 percent (with some rows totaling 99 or 101 percent, due to rounding). The percentage of non-response (NR) follows, separately calculated out of 100 percent.

Please use these responses for questions 1 to 19.

1 = Strongly Disagree	3 = Somewhat Agree
2 = Somewhat Disagree	4 = Strongly Agree

How much do you agree with the following statements?

1	2	3	4	NR	
2	2	31	66	2	1. Parishioners are eager to understand the different cultures in this parish community
2	3	6	89	0	2. Having people of different cultural backgrounds enriches this parish
0	5	27	69	2	3. I feel that parish leadership and staff understand my culture
2	12	67	20	6	4. I would like to see more priests of different cultural backgrounds in the parish
3	21	42	34	5	5. I would like to see more diversity in the parish
80	5	10	5	6	6. I often feel like an outsider at this parish because of my nationality, race, ethnicity, language, or culture
0	0	8	92	2	7. This parish is welcoming to members of different nationalities, cultures, races, and ethnicities
71	13	8	8	6	8. I am best able to read the bulletin and parish website in a language other than English
3	14	34	48	2	9. Parishioners talk openly about cultural diversity in the parish
0	3	10	87	5	10. Parishioners of different cultures participate in parish life together
68	22	8	2	8	11. There is some tension between different cultural groups in the parish
10	13	33	43	8	12. I feel like this parish celebrates differently than many other Catholic parishes in the U.S.
8	41	33	18	6	13. I would like more parish opportunities to provide help in other countries
0	8	52	40	3	14. I would like more parish events that bring together parishioners of different nationalities, ethnicities, languages, cultures, and races
3	11	37	48	5	15. The parish staff reflects the cultural diversity of the parish.
2	5	12	82	6	16. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor
0	10	22	68	3	17. The parish celebrates feast days that are important to me
2	7	24	68	5	18. I feel encouraged to participate in parish ministry
8	16	48	27	5	19. I have a role in the decision making of this parish

Please use these responses for questions 20 to 49.

1 = Strongly Disagree **3** = Somewhat Agree
2 = Somewhat Disagree **4** = Strongly Agree

My parish should be more involved in...

1 2 3 4 NR

- 8 26 44 21 6 20. Understanding the different cultures that exist within the parish community
7 19 48 26 11 21. Celebrating culturally diversity
9 19 50 22 11 22. Providing assistance to immigrants
9 17 45 29 11 23. Providing pastoral care of refugees
5 11 33 51 12 24. Providing support for the poor and marginalized
7 33 40 21 11 25. Using materials inclusive to all of the languages spoken by parishioners
5 12 42 40 12 26. Improving the sense of community among parishioners

My parish should be more involved in welcoming...

1 2 3 4 NR

- 8 10 35 47 8 27. New parishioners
6 7 35 52 17 28. Inactive Catholics
7 14 32 47 12 29. Low-income families
6 11 42 42 15 30. Hispanics, Latinos
7 13 36 44 15 31. African Americans, Africans
6 11 38 46 15 32. Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians
6 13 36 46 15 33. American Indians, Native Alaskans
4 7 47 42 15 34. Immigrants
4 15 44 37 17 35. Non-English speakers
4 9 36 52 14 36. Young adult parishioners
4 13 34 50 14 37. Divorced parishioners
2 13 38 47 15 38. Non-Catholic spouses
4 7 36 54 14 39. People with disabilities

How much do you agree with the following statements?

1 2 3 4 NR

- 0 2 5 93 6 40. The parish is multicultural
2 7 20 72 8 41. The music at Mass reflects the style(s) I desire
3 9 36 52 11 42. Sufficient community activities other than Mass are provided
0 2 23 75 8 43. Parishioners worship and share together as one community
3 2 33 62 8 44. Parish communications are made in the language(s) used by parishioners
0 3 33 63 8 45. The parish spreads the message to seek peace and justice
0 10 32 58 8 46. The parish spreads the message to protect life
0 12 33 55 8 47. This parish encourages a dialogue and collaboration among various cultures
2 15 43 41 6 48. This parish reaches out to those who have lost a sense of faith
5 22 42 30 9 49. This parish is growing in numbers

Please use these responses for questions 50 to 61.

NA = Not applicable; not offered in parish or diocese

1 = Not at all

3 = Somewhat

2 = A little

4 = Very much

How interested would you be in the following?

1 2 3 4 NR

- 6 14 49 31 25 50. Adult faith formation classes
2 21 48 29 26 51. Collaboration with other parishes
4 10 43 43 22 52. Community service or volunteering
26 28 33 14 34 53. Whole family catechesis classes
12 28 34 26 23 54. Small faith communities
26 28 30 17 28 55. Charismatic Renewal
28 31 29 13 51 56. Cursillo
14 14 42 31 20 57. Outreach programs to at-risk youth
30 20 36 14 23 58. Catholic fraternal societies
17 15 40 27 20 59. Catholic volunteer/aid organizations
33 19 19 29 26 60. Language classes for parishioners
18 14 39 29 22 61. Efforts to register voters

62. _____ Number of ministries or activities you are personally involved with at this parish?

Write "0" if none. Avg= 1.8 Median= 2 **NR=12**

Yes No NR

- 88 12 9 63. Are you registered in this parish?
95 5 9 64. Is this parish your primary place of worship?
66 35 11 65. Do you currently live closer to another parish?

66. Year you were born: _____ Avg=1959 Median=1953 **NR=14**

(See Appendix II)

67. What is your race and ethnicity? **Check all that apply** **Race/Ethnicity NR=6**

- 3 1. American Indian or Alaska Native
2 2. Asian, Pacific Islander, or Native Hawaiian
51 3. Black, African, African American, or Afro-Caribbean
3 4. Hispanic or Latino(a)
43 5. White, Caucasian, European American, Anglo
2 6. Other, *specify*: _____

68. Were you born in the U.S.? 90 1. Yes 10 2. No **NR=8**

69. *If no*, where were you born: _____

(See Appendix II)

70. What is the primary language used in your home? **NR=8**

93 1. English

2 2. Spanish

2 3. Vietnamese

0 4. Tagalog

0 5. French

0 6. Portuguese

0 7. Polish

3 8. Other; *specify*: _____ **(See Appendix II)**

71. Gender: 41 1. Male 59 2. Female **NR=14**

Number of your *children or stepchildren currently living with you* who are: **Leave blank if none. (Note: Sum may have both parents responding, so some may be double-counted.)**

Sum Avg.

4 72. Age 12 or younger

2 73. Ages 13 to 17

8 74. Age 18 or older

75. *If you have children or stepchildren living in your home*, are any currently enrolled in a Catholic school?

9 1. Yes 91 2. No **NR=66**

76. What is your current marital status? **NR=8**

42 1. Married

10 2. Widowed

10 3. Divorced

8 4. Separated

28 5. Never married

2 6. Living with a partner

77. *If ever married*, were you married in the Catholic Church? 45 1. Yes 55 2. No **NR=39**

78. What best describes you? **Please select one. NR=6**

61 1. Active Catholic since birth.

18 2. Returned Catholic

16 3. Catholic convert

0 4. Inactive Catholic

5 5. Non-Catholic [**Skip to Q. 80 if non-Catholic**]

79. Which of the following sacraments have you received? **Check all that apply.**

93 1. First Communion/Eucharist

95 2. Confirmation

25 3. Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament Reception Questions Overall NR=12

80. _____ Your home ZIP Code. **NR=8**

81. What is the biggest challenge your parish faces? What would help the parish respond to this challenge?

Thank you for completing this survey.

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Appendix II: Complete Transcription of Open-Ended Items

Question 62: Ministries or Activities Involved with at the Parish

<i>Number of ministries or activities you are personally involved with at this parish</i>	
None	26%
One	18
Two to four	53
Five or more	4

Question 66: Age in 2014

Age in 2014	
19 or younger	0%
20 to 29	11
30 to 39	7
40 to 49	13
50 to 59	14
60 to 69	30
70 to 79	18
80 or older	7
Average age	53

Interpreting the Tables for Question 80

The table below has been imported from SPSS, a statistical program. The first column contains the responses written in by respondents. The second column presents the number of respondents who gave that response. The third column contains the percentage who gave that response, including the percentage who did not respond, i.e. those whose responses are missing. The fourth column presents the percentages of only those who did respond to the question. The final column shows the cumulative percentage.

Question 80: Your Home ZIP Code

		Q80 Home ZIP code			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	60202	1	1.5	1.7	1.7
	60325	1	1.5	1.7	3.3
	60473	1	1.5	1.7	5.0
	60525	1	1.5	1.7	6.7
	60605	4	6.2	6.7	13.3
	60608	3	4.6	5.0	18.3
	60609	4	6.2	6.7	25.0
	60612	1	1.5	1.7	26.7
	60615	1	1.5	1.7	28.3
	60616	25	38.5	41.7	70.0
	60618	1	1.5	1.7	71.7
	60619	4	6.2	6.7	78.3
	60624	1	1.5	1.7	80.0
	60626	2	3.1	3.3	83.3
	60628	1	1.5	1.7	85.0
	60629	1	1.5	1.7	86.7
	60632	1	1.5	1.7	88.3
	60637	1	1.5	1.7	90.0
	60653	4	6.2	6.7	96.7
	60661	1	1.5	1.7	98.3
	93063	1	1.5	1.7	100.0
	Total	60	92.3	100.0	
Missing	System	5	7.7		
Total		65	100.0		

Question 81: What is the biggest challenge your parish faces? What would help the parish respond to this challenge?

These responses are unedited for content.

Getting more registered parishioners.

Retaining/adding new parishioners. What would help is more involvement with the neighborhood.

Growth.

The biggest challenge my parish faces is making the worship space more sacred.

Worship in hall.

Growing.

Only small gains in parish size for a parish which is already very small.

More members. Outreach.

1) Communication. 2) Fundraising. 3) Rebuild church. 4) Collaboration among members. Tolerance. Reaching out. Pastor/priest should learn to personally know everyone by visiting them.

Small community. We need to grow.

Attracting new members.

The need for more parishioners, the need for more participation.

Lack of weekly social activities for children and parish families.

Not sure. I've only been coming for a month.

Irreverance at Mass. Need renewed sense of what is sacred.

Not meeting Archdiocese's goals for size.

A permanent house of worship. We need a firm commitment regarding the proposed site as well as a definite fund-raising campaign for the new St. James Church.

The community is too small. This parish needs more parishioners.

Parishioner numbers. More parish community activities, socials, and get togethers.

Recently a permanent priest -- now resolved. We all miss Father Ed. A more permanent/appropriate place of worship (church).

Increase the membership.

New parishioners. Growing the parish.

Growing membership.

Growing the parish. Outreach.

Growing in number. Contact with the elderly and homebound. I really don't know what would help this parish grow? I have been at St. James since 1965 -- always has been small in number.

Increasing membership. Community needs to know we are here.

Financial resources to grow ministries and a greater presence in the local community. Growing the financial and human viability of the parish with increased membership.

Money. (I thought the categories on the front of the survey did not fit our parish life...very difficult to answer.)

Just bring more people.

New church building.

Growing in numbers!

Letting go of the bitterness carried by some at the demolition of their church. Hopefully the new pastor can bring peace and hope to those who carry this burden.

Since this is going to be our church, let's start making it look like a Catholic church.

Challenge: aging facilities/lack of finances. Response: More young, active parishioners through spreading the word about how wonderful St. James is.

Funding.

Increase parish membership! More outreach.

Growth. Welcoming growing Chinese community.

Outreach to prospective members. Have to more efficiently work on outreach. In the past, I think campaigns may have been hit or miss.

Growing our parish, more outreach to our community and having something to offer the community.

It needs to grow. To develop a plan for incremental growth.

Membership.