



Parish Life Survey for St. Monica Parish, Dallas, Texas
CARA – Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

This questionnaire will help us to better understand the needs and concerns of St. Monica parishioners and to plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an "X" in the appropriate boxes below.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

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|---|--------------------|
| 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. Monica parish overall
 - 2. Sense of community within St. Monica
 - 3. Masses and liturgies in general
 - 4. Vision provided by pastoral staff
 - 5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith
 - 6. Efforts to foster spiritual growth
 - 7. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish
 - 8. Invitation to participate in parish ministries
 - 9. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need
 - 10. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing
 - 11. Communication with parishioners

Please evaluate the following pastoral areas.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 12. Leadership provided by the pastor
 - 13. Helpfulness of the parish office staff
 - 14. Sacramental preparation for Baptism
 - 15. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist
 - 16. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation
 - 17. RCIA (for adults entering the Church)
 - 18. Marriage preparation
 - 19. Monthly family religious education
 - 20. Children's Religious Education (CCD)
 - 21. Youth ministry/L1FT

Please evaluate your weekend Mass experience.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 22. Hospitality or sense of welcome
 - 23. Greeters at weekend Masses
 - 24. Congregational music/hymn selection at the Mass you most regularly attend
 - 25. Cantors or song leaders
 - 26. Altar servers
 - 27. Readers/lectors
 - 28. Homilies
 - 29. Ushers
 - 30. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - 31. Participating in the Mass using the St. Monica Parish App
 - 32. Weekend Mass schedule
 - 33. Confession/Reconciliation accessibility and availability

Please evaluate these St. Monica parish facilities

- 1 2 3 4**
- 34. Meeting rooms in the Family Center
 - 35. Technology in the Family Center
 - 36. Nursery area in the Family Center
 - 37. Access to other parish facilities for those with disabilities

Please evaluate parish outreach to these groups.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 38. Children (ages 4 to 12)
 - 39. Teens (ages 13 to 17)
 - 40. Single young adults (ages 18 to 35)
 - 41. Married young adults (ages 18 to 35)
 - 42. Senior citizens (ages 65 and older)
 - 43. Married couples
 - 44. Those divorced or separated
 - 45. Those who are grieving
 - 46. Those with physical disabilities
 - 47. Those with developmental or intellectual disabilities
 - 48. Families in crisis (such as infertility, financial, addiction, abuse)
 - 49. New parishioners

Using the numbers for items 38-49 above, to which three groups should the parish give most priority for outreach?

50. _____ 51. _____ 52. _____

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1=None | 3=Some |
| 2=Only a Little | 4=Very Much |
| Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable | |

How much emphasis should St. Monica place on these?

- 1 2 3 4**
- 53. Providing retreat opportunities
 - 54. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration
 - 55. More small group prayer/faith sharing opportunities
 - 56. More opportunities to learn about the Catholic faith
 - 57. Adult Bible study programs
 - 58. Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy
 - 59. Social activities and opportunities to meet new people
 - 60. Outreach to inactive Catholics

Using the numbers for items 53-60 above, to which three needs should the parish give most priority?

61. _____ 62. _____ 63. _____

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

64. I feel included in parish life
65. I feel well informed about what goes on at St. Monica
66. The challenge of finding parking negatively affects my participation in parish activities
67. I am aware of how to find out about what is happening at St. Monica
68. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor
69. I am comfortable contacting the parish staff with questions or requests for help/guidance
70. Having people of different cultural backgrounds enriches this parish
71. Parishioners of different cultures participate in parish life together
72. I want to volunteer more for the parish
73. I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs
74. I feel adequately informed about parish finances
75. I would contribute more if I knew the needs of the parish

Please **respond** to the following about the parish school.

1 2 3 4

76. I support having the parish school be one of our parish's major priorities
77. I intend to send my children to St. Monica School through their 8th grade year
78. I would contribute to a campaign to renovate the parish school facilities

79. If you have children who could have attended St. Monica School in the past five years but did not, which of the following reasons explain why? **Please check all that apply.**

- a. Quality of education at the school
- b. High quality of the local public schools
- c. Financial considerations or tuition costs
- d. Lack of specialized instruction for students with special needs
- e. Location of the school or transportation issues
- f. Other _____.

80. If you have children who could attend religious education at St. Monica but do not, please explain why:

_____.

81. Which of the following are effective ways of communicating parish news to you? **Check all that apply.**

- a. Announcements read at Mass
- b. Sunday bulletin
- c. A possible parish newsletter
- d. Email
- e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- f. Parish website
- g. Connection Point in the Narthex

82. Which Mass do you usually attend at this parish?

Please select **only one** Mass time.

1. Saturday 5 pm
2. Sunday 8 am
3. Sunday 9:30 am
4. Sunday 11 am
5. Sunday 12:30 pm
6. Sunday 2 pm (Spanish)
7. Sunday 5 pm
8. I do *not* regularly attend Mass at St. Monica

83. About how frequently do you attend Mass?

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

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

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

85. _____ Years you have attended this parish?

Leave blank if this is not your regular parish. Write "1" if one year or less.

Yes No

86. Are you registered in this parish?
87. Is this parish your primary place of worship?
88. Have any of your children attended religious education classes (CCD) here in the past 5 years?
89. Have any of your children attended St. Monica School in the past 5 years?
90. Will/did your spouse also complete this survey?

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

92. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

93. What best describes your current marital status?

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

94. Number of your children or stepchildren living with you who are: **Leave blank if none or not applicable.**

- _____ a. Ages 4 or younger
- _____ b. Ages 5 to 12
- _____ c. Ages 13 to 17
- _____ d. Ages 18 or older

95. What best describes your highest level of education?

1. Some high school or less
2. High school diploma
3. Some college/in college
4. Associate's degree
5. Bachelor's degree
6. Graduate degree

96. Your racial or ethnic identity: **Check all that apply.**

- a. Asian, Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- b. Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean
- c. Hispanic or Latino(a)
- d. White, Anglo, Caucasian, European American
- e. Other _____.

97. What one primary language is used in your home?

Please select **only one**.

1. English 2. Spanish 3. Other _____.

Comments/feedback

Thank you for completing this survey.

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