



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 14, 2024**

## REPORT: CAN YOU HELP?

### ANALYSIS OF PARISHIONERS' WILLINGNESS TO HELP

Report prepared by our parishioner Dr. Carole Orchard, BSN, MEd, EdD, Professor Emerita, Adjunct Research Professor, University of Western Ontario

*Earlier this year, 200 people said "Yes" to helping in our parish. That's an average of 48.8% of all people who attend Sunday Mass every weekend, which is a higher than average response in other parishes of the Archdiocese of Vancouver (38%). Read on for more details!*



### Introduction

In January and February of 2024 all the Holy Name of Jesus parishioners who were present in the set of Masses held on January 13 & 14 were asked by Msgr. Smith to be a part of helping in building our parish community. To help they were asked to fill in a card indicating their basic information and selecting in areas of the parish community where they could help. The cards were found in each pew and pencils were distributed by members of the Hospitality Ministry. Time was provided during Masses to complete the cards which were then collected. A database was set up and all the card information was transferred into the database. A group of phone callers was recruited to assist in follow up contacts with all those who completed the cards. Each caller was assigned a group of up to ten parishioners was assigned to each of the callers with a request to complete the calls within the current and next week. To carry out the contact calls a script was provided with each card to assist the callers to enter further information about each person contacted. The information gained was added to the database and used for this analysis.

### Analysis

In this analysis a total of 143 script reports were analyzed from a potential total of 205. The analysis was carried out by using the SPSS analysis program (IBM©). Of this number approximately 62 parishioners who completed Helping Forms could either not be reached after several attempts, or chose for a variety of reasons, to not participate in providing input when contacted. Hence, these findings are based on 69.8% of parishioners' card and phone call inputs. These participants represented each of the age clusters as follows: ages 10 to 17 years n= 4 (2.0%); 18 to 30 years n= 16 (7.8%); 31 to 55 years n = 35 (17.1%); 56 to 69 years n = 35 (17.1%); 70 plus years n = 45 (22.0%). There were a further 70 (34.1%) missing from the total. Of these parishioners 60 were males and 83 were females with 62 others gender was missing.

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## Languages

When parishioners were asked if they spoke other languages, it was surprising to find 41.3 percent (n=59) of the total participants indicated they speak another language. Some of this group had more than one language. Languages included: Tagalog (n = 15, 25.7%), Spanish (n = 910, 16.9%), Cantonese (n = 14; 23.7%), Mandarin (n = 9; 15.3%), French (n= 4; 6.8%), Indonesian (n=2; 3.4%), and single speakers included those speaking Malay, Italian, Korean, Cubano, or Arabic. This represents an excellent poll of persons to assist with newcomers speaking any of these languages.

## Interest in visiting/driving

Parishioners were then asked if they had a car. Those with a car were then asked if they would be willing to help with delivering groceries for parishioners, delivering donations to a downtown shelter, taking people to health care appointments, or being available if a parishioner needed transportation. Of the participants 39 (19.0%) indicated they had a car of this number 5.6% (n=11) were willing to delivery groceries, while only 4 persons (2.0% would deliver donations to a shelter,11 (5.4%) others would drive a parishioner to a health care appointment or who needed non-regular transportation.

When asked if they would be willing to visit a resident within the Youville Residence, 18 participants (8.8%) indicated they would. Another 14 participants (6.8%) indicated a willingness to walk with a parishioner in Queen Elizabeth Park, while 5 others (2.4%) would take a person to and walk with them in VanDusen Botanical Gardens. Very few participants were aware of students studying at Eric Hamber Secondary School.

## Joining a Prayer Team

Participants were then asked if they would be willing to pray for other parishioners' intentions. Twenty-three persons (11.2%) expressed willingness to participate in such a program. Thus, there seems to be a balance between programs supporting gatherings for social reasons and others for spiritual enrichment.

## Availability

Persons' availability was then collected addressing three options: weekdays, weekends, and both. Their availabilities are now known to assist when considering their chosen Ministries and programs. Fifteen parishioners (7.3%) indicated they were available on weekdays with some on specific days of the week. A further 26 parishioners (12.7%) indicated availability on weekends with some only on Sundays. Many of the parishioners who are working full time could not commit to a regular weekly commitment but then chose Ministries where their involvement could be provided at days and times, they are available, or only for periodic events.

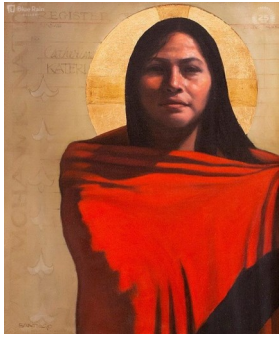
## Conclusion

**Overall, the results of this Collective Helping Survey is a strong willingness to participate in the parish community with many expressing their willingness to also share their expertise in a wide variety of occupations, professions, financial, project and people management.**

## Thanks!

This survey would not have been possible without the involvement of a number of parishioners who donated their time to develop, to carry out, to summarize information, and to follow up with many phone calls to parishioners. A sincere thank you for all of your efforts. And to each of you parishioners who took the time to complete a Helping Card, a sincere thank you. This data analysis would not have been possible without everyone's contributions.

# COMING UP



## **SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

This Wednesday April 17 we celebrate the memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Indigenous woman in North America canonized as a Catholic

Saint (2012). St. Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks and is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day.

Kateri was born in 1656, on the southern bank of the Mohawk River at Osserneon (now known as Auriesville, NY). Her mother was a member of the Algonquin First Nation and her father was an Iroquois chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and she survived with seriously impaired eyesight, facial scars, and delicate health. Her eyes were hyper-sensitive to light, so people named her “Tekakwitha”, meaning “she who bumps into things” in Mohawk.

Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age and working alongside them to care for the sick and wounded, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri, likely in honour of Saint Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the Saint Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiake (now known as Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680 surrounded by the entire Kahnawake community. Everyone who witnessed her death swore that within minutes her smallpox scars disappeared, and her skin became radiant. St. Kateri, pray for us.

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## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Mark your calendars for next Sunday April 21 when our Knights of Columbus will be in the kitchen after the 9am and 11am Masses serving delicious pancakes and sausages. See you there!

# IN LOVING MEMORY

Two beloved men of our parish died on the same day, April 6, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. They both had Saint Joseph as their heavenly patron and imitated him in their tireless and generous service of Christ in His Church.



Jozef Kolvek was the Custodian and Sacristan at our parish for 24 years. He died in Slovakia. As our fellow parishioner Anne Trudel wrote upon his retirement in 2017: “He has been a true angel who has had the mission to inspire us to have a closer relationship with God and our angels.”

Joseph Ing was a devoted and active Catholic who called Holy Name of Jesus Parish his home for more than 15 years, gifted with a powerful voice which he shared singing with his family in the 11am choir (his son Andrew Ing as Music Director) and as a strong and faithful member of the lector ministry.

Saint Joseph, pray for them!



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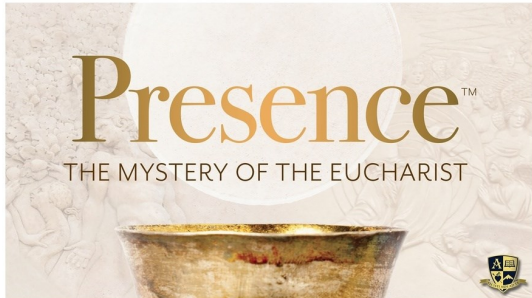
## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 15 — Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**(† Deceased)**

- Monday..... Celebrant’s Intention
- Tuesday..... Jennifer Chan †
- Wednesday..... Sandra Young
- Thursday..... Michael O’Neill
- Friday..... Scott King
- Saturday 9:00am..... Lucy & Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Lee †
- Saturday 5:00 pm ..... Michael O’Neill
- Sunday 9:00am..... David & Mary Phillips †
- Sunday 11:00am..... Parishioners

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 15, 2024



## God Is with Us

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!



## St. Bernadette of Lourdes

“St. Bernadette of Lourdes” is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world’s most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



## Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

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