



Becoming a More Welcoming Parish Survey Results Appendix A:

N: 459 responses

Q 1: In what town, city or district is the parish you most frequently attend located?

Municipality/district	No. of responses	Percentage
Calgary	82	17.86 %
Camrose District	12	2.61
Edmonton – Sherwood Park	252	54.91
Grande Prairie District	8	1.74
Lethbridge	5	1.09
Mundare	33	7.19
Red Deer	8	1.74
Redwater-Carvel District	30	6.53
Smoky Lake	4	0.87
St. Paul District	2	0.04
Vegreville District	7	1.53
Vermillion and Lloydminster District	2	0.04
Other	14	3.05

Q 2 – 10: Which parish do I most frequently attend? (Only responding parishes were listed below)

Municipality/district	No. of responses
Calgary: Assumption of the Mother of God, Saint Stephen the Protomartyr	80 (20%) (percentages rounded)

Camrose District: Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Trinity (Calmar), Descent of the Holy Spirit (Holden)	11 (3%)
Edmonton – four parish with the highest survey participation numbers: St. Nicholas (24% of all Edmonton parish responses), St. Basil (23%), St. Josaphat Cathedral (19%), St. George (16%)	241 (60%)
Grande Prairie District: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grande Prairie), Ascension of our Lord (Manning)	8 (2%)
Mundare District: Sts. Peter and Paul (Mundare), St. John the Baptist (Borschiw), Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Krakow)	32 (8%)
Redwater-Carvel: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Athabasca), St. Nicholas (Carvel), Descent of the Holy Spirit (Darling), Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Eldorena), Assumption (Radway), Sts. Boris and Hlib (Redwater), Holy Eucharist (Thorhild), Descent of the Holy Spirit (Waskatenau), Assumption (Waugh)	29 (7%)
Smoky Lake: St. Josaphat (Innisfree) District	3 (.07%)
St. Paul: Descent of the Holy Spirit (Derwent)	1 (.02%)
Vermillion and Lloydminster: Saint Olha (Vermillion) Districts	2 (.04%)
Total responses	405

Q11: Is it easy to find parish contact information and Divine Liturgy times?

Yes: 86% (358)	No: 7% (30)	Unsure: 0.5% (27)
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Q12: If the parish has a bulletin, is it informative?

Yes: 85% (352)	No: 6% (25)	Unsure: 0.9% (38)
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Q13: If the parish has a website, is it informative?

Yes: 49% (202)	No: 18% (74)	Unsure: 33% (139)
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Q14: Does the parish make you feel welcome?

Yes: 73% (301)	No: 12% (51)	Unsure: 15% (63)
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Q15: Does the parish have a welcome or hospitality committee?

Yes: 30% (124)	No: 33% (136)	Unsure: 37% (155)
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Q16: Does the parish have a welcome kit for new parishioners?

Yes: 9% (36)	No: 34% (143)	Unsure: 57% (236)
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Q17: Does the parish follow up with a home visit for new parishioners?

Yes: 4% (16)	No: 30% (127)	Unsure: 66% (272)
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Q18: Does the parish provide opportunities for parishioners to use their gifts and talents in support of parish ministries?

Yes: 53% (222)	No: 13% (53)	Unsure: 34% (140)
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Q19: Are the church and grounds well-kept?

Yes: 93% (383)	No: 1% (4)	Sometimes: 6% (24)
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Q20: When you enter the church, does someone greet you at the door?

Yes: 45% (185)	No: 28% (114)	Sometimes: 27% (112)
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Q21: Does an usher help you find a seat?

Yes: 9% (37)	No: 71% (290)	Sometimes: 20% (84)
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Q22: Do you greet the people around you?

Yes: 57% (235)	No: 11% (45)	Sometimes: 32% (131)
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Q23: When guests or strangers sit next to you, do you welcome them?

Yes: 47% (191)	No: 17% (69)	Sometimes: 37% (151)
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Q24: Does a greeter offer you a parish bulletin as you enter or exit the church?

Yes: 50% (204)	No: 36% (148)	Sometimes: 14% (59)
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Q25: Are infants and children welcome in the parish?

Yes: 92% (372)	No: 1% (4)	Sometimes: 7% (28)
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Q26: Does the priest's homily also have children in mind?

Yes: 36% (145)	No: 22% (87)	Sometimes: 43% (172)
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Q27: Is Sunday school or catechism available for children?

Yes: 65% (261)	No: 20% (81)	Sometimes: 15% (62)
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Q28: Are the washrooms child-friendly, for example, baby change tables, kids step stools?

Yes: 66% (264)	No: 24% (95)	Sometimes: 11% (45)
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Q29: If there is a coffee hour at the parish, are there snacks and drinks available for the children?

Yes: 62% (251)	No: 14% (57)	Sometimes: 24% (96)
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Q30: Are there easily accessible parking spaces for seniors and the disabled?

Yes: 80% (320)	No: 13% (51)	Unsure: 8% (31)
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Q31: Are there ramps or elevators for seniors and the disabled for easy access to the church?

Yes: 80% (322)	No: 15% (80)	Unsure: 5% (20)
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Q32: Are Divine Liturgy books and parish bulletins available in large print?

Yes: 21% (84)	No: 54% (218)	Unsure: 25% (100)
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Q33: Is the church P.A. system adequate, with microphones and speakers working properly?

Yes: 83% (334)	No: 12% (47)	Unsure: 5% (21)
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Q34: Are the washrooms senior and disabled-friendly?

Yes: 68% (275)	No: 16% (63)	Unsure: 16% (64)
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Q35: Is there easy access for seniors and the disabled to the parish hall?

Yes: 60% (240)	No: 30% (121)	Unsure: 10% (41)
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Q36: Does the pastor or someone else welcome parishioners and guests at the Divine Liturgy?

Yes: 67% (269)	No: 13% (52)	Sometimes: 20% (79)
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Q37: Is the Divine Liturgy celebrated prayerfully and joyfully?

Yes: 78% (312)	No: 5% (19)	Unsure: 17% (69)
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Q38: Does the parish celebrate special welcoming liturgies for newcomers or mark special days, for example, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, New School Year?

Yes: 74% (294)	No: 12% (48)	Unsure: 15% (58)
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Q39: Do the sick, elderly, and disabled receive pastoral care in their homes and hospitals?

Yes: 56% (222)	No: 7% (26)	Unsure: 38% (152)
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Q40: Does the parish provide preparation for First Solemn Holy Communion, and catechism for children and their parents?

Yes: 89% (355)	No: 2% (7)	Unsure: 10% (38)
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Q41: Does the parish offer adult baptismal classes, adult faith education enrichment, or Bible Study?

Yes: 56% (224)	No: 17% (68)	Unsure: 27% (108)
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Q42: Does the parish provide support for newlyweds and young families?

Yes: 29% (116)	No: 17% (68)	Unsure: 54% (216)
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Q43: Does the parish provide pastoral care for families whose loved ones have died recently?

Yes: 31% (124)	No: 17% (68)	Unsure: 52% (208)
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Q44: Does the parish meet often socially?

Yes: 44% (178)	No: 17% (68)	Unsure: 39% (154)
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Q45 Does the parish hold annual picnics, barbeques, sports days, or similar events?

Yes: 48% (193)	No: 20% (79)	Sometimes: 32% (126)
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Q46 Does the parish offer a coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, including throughout the summer, where parishioners can get to know each other better and guests and strangers can be welcomed?

Yes: 48% (191)	No: 20% (80)	Sometimes: 32% (127)
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Q47: Does the parish have a parish pictorial book of all its parishioners?

Yes: 58% (231)	No: 25% (101)	Unsure: 17% (66)
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Q48: Do parishioners spontaneously approach newcomers and welcome them?

Yes: 28% (113)	No: 26% (104)	Sometimes: 45% (181)
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Q49: Do you know that your bishop and pastor love you?

Yes: 68% (258)	No: 8% (32)	Unsure: 24% (91)
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Q50: Do you love your bishop and pastor?

Yes: 75% (287)	No: 5% (18)	Sometimes: 20% (76)
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Q51 If you wish, add any additional comments.

- ✱ Summary found in the body of the report.