

# Summary of Paulist Center Pastoral Council Reentry Survey Results

Summer, 2020

# Overall Impressions

- \* 29.7% of respondents are in favor of reentry in August, while 37.2% are in favor of resuming in-person Masses later in the year, and 33.1% are in favor of waiting until everyone in the community can safely worship together.
- \* The data shows that 22.3% (33 individuals) would be either somewhat or very likely to attend Mass, and 69.6% (103 individuals) would be unlikely or very unlikely to attend.
- \* Those who are likely to attend mainly expressed a desire to be with the community in-person and/or to receive the Eucharist. The preference for Mass time is fairly evenly split between the 5pm and 10am.

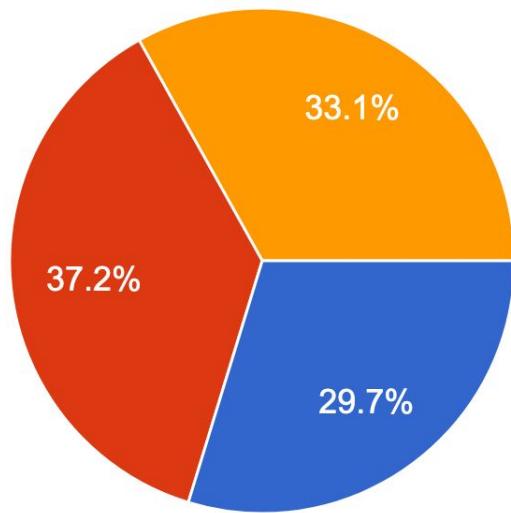
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- \* People who are unlikely to attend tended to say that they would likely wait until Covid spread is no longer a major concern within the area, and/or that they would wait until there is a vaccine available.
- \* The main reasons people expressed they would be unlikely to attend included being concerned about their own health, making others sick, and feeling a responsibility to stay at home to stop the spread.
- \* It is clear that the virtual streaming liturgies have been very meaningful to the community, as a whole. Roughly 80% of all respondents stated that it has been helpful or very helpful in their spiritual practice during the pandemic, and about 75% said that it has been helpful or very helpful in staying connected to the community. Around 11% have not attended.

# Current Thinking around Reentry

Which of the following best captures your current thinking around reentry?

148 responses

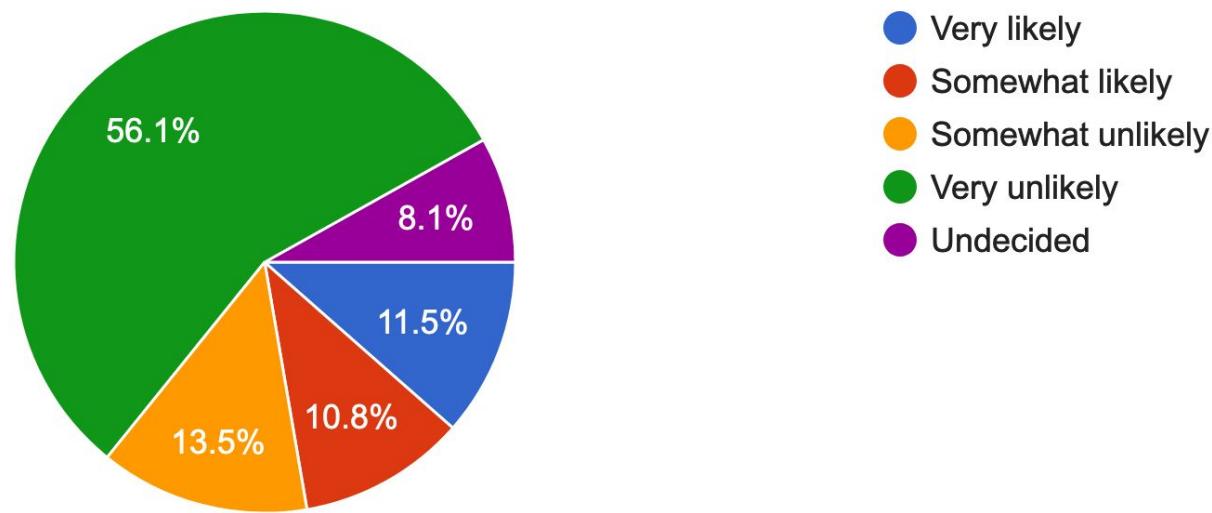


- I believe it would be best for the Paulist Center to resume in-person Masses in August, provided we can safely follow the procedures and protocols of the archdiocese and the local government.
- I believe it would be best for the Paulist Center to resume in-person Masses later in the year.
- I believe it would be best for the Paulist Center to resume in-person Masses only when all members can safely attend, including those in vulnerable populations.

# Likelihood to Attend

The Paulist Center is tentatively planning to offer in-person Mass in early August. Based on your current thinking, how likely are you to attend?

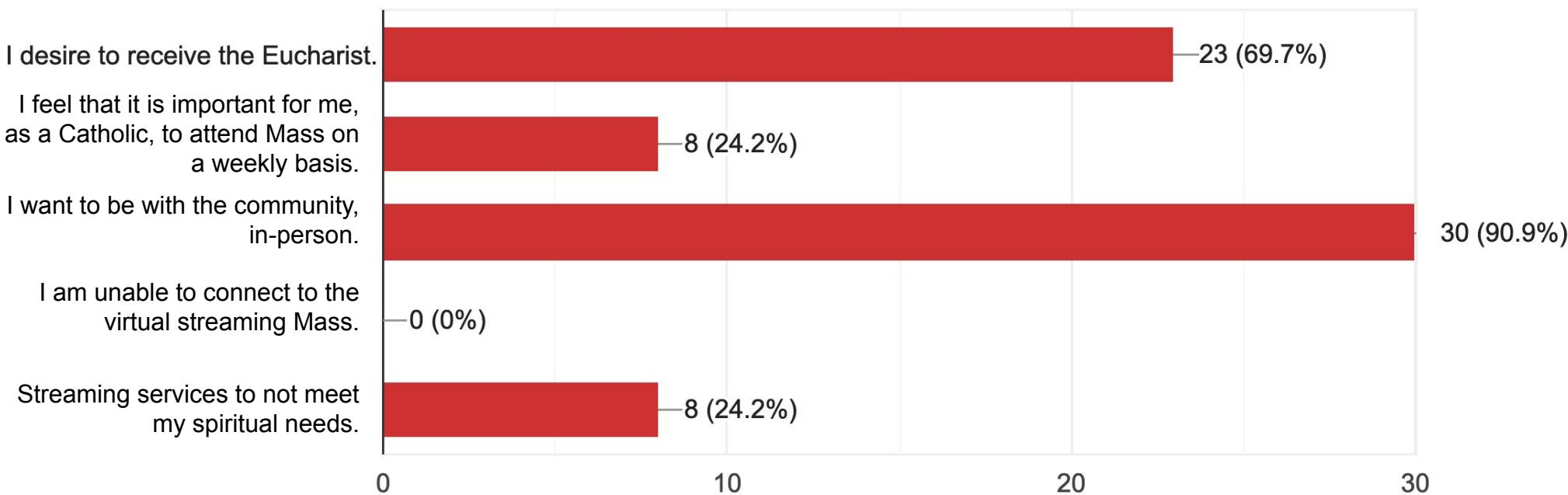
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# Respondents who are planning to attend

If you are planning to attend, which of these are reasons why you would do so? (Select any that apply)

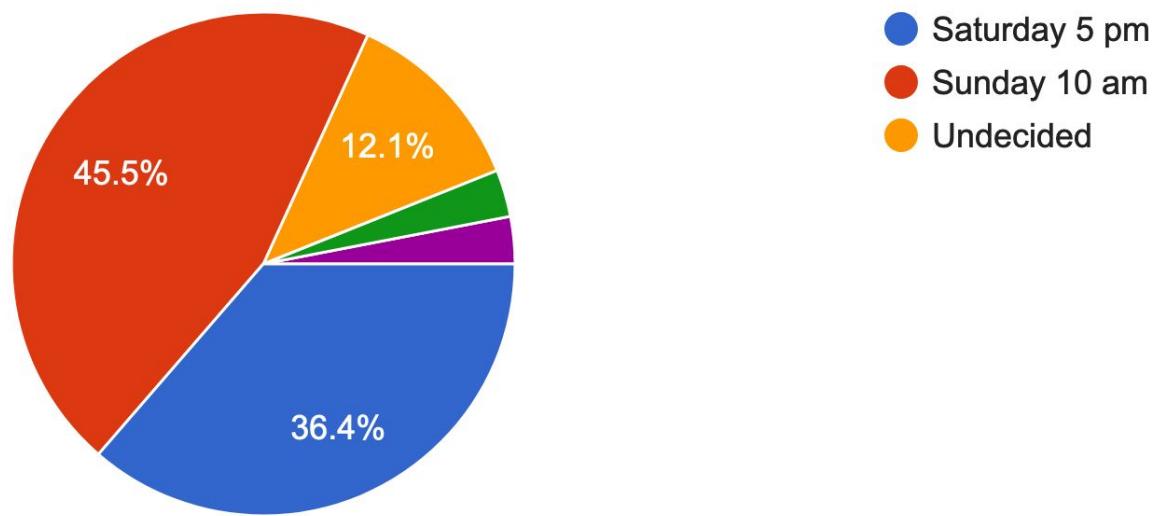
33 responses



# Respondents who are planning to attend

The Mass time I/we would be most likely to attend is:

33 responses

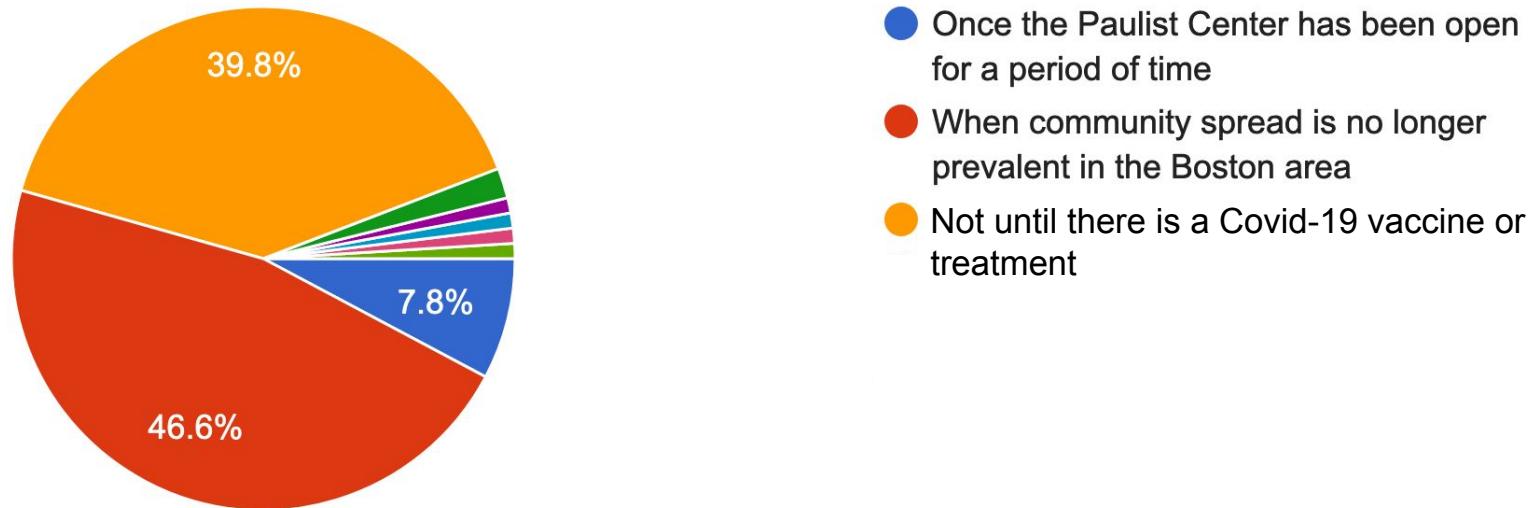


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# Respondents who are not planning to attend

If you are not yet comfortable with attending in-person Mass, at which of these points in time might you feel more at ease?

103 responses

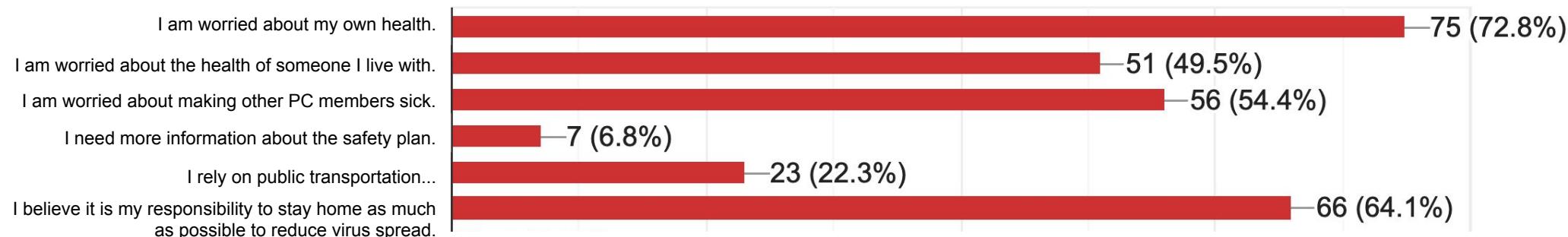


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# Respondents who are not planning to attend

If you do not currently plan to attend, which of the following would be reasons why you wouldn't?  
(Select any that apply)

103 responses

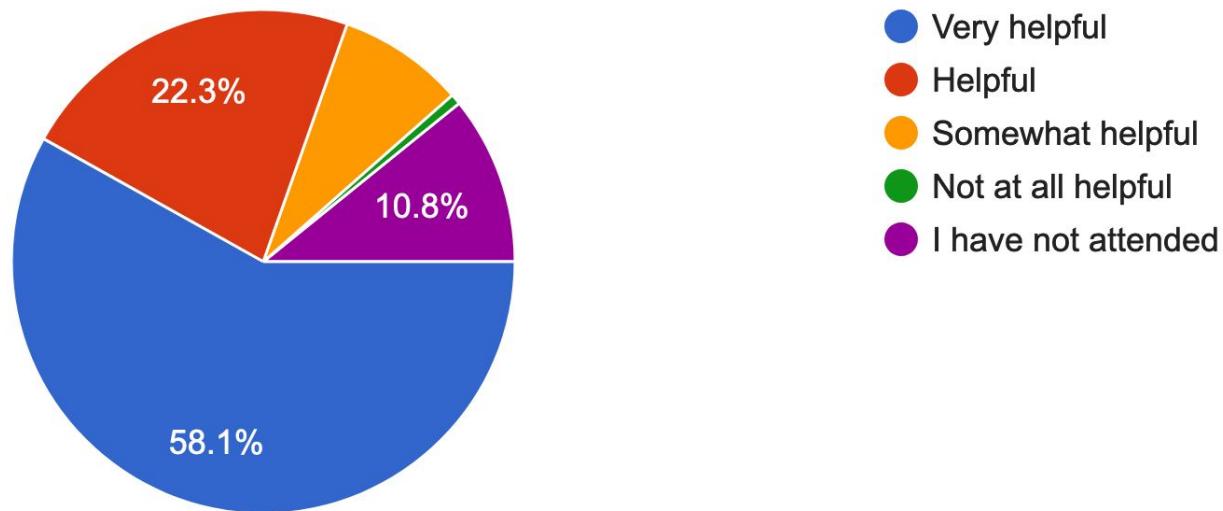


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# Streaming Liturgy and the Spiritual Life

The Paulist Center has been streaming Sunday Mass for the past several months, and is planning to do so into the foreseeable future. To what degree would you say this has been helpful to you in nourishing your spiritual life during the pandemic?

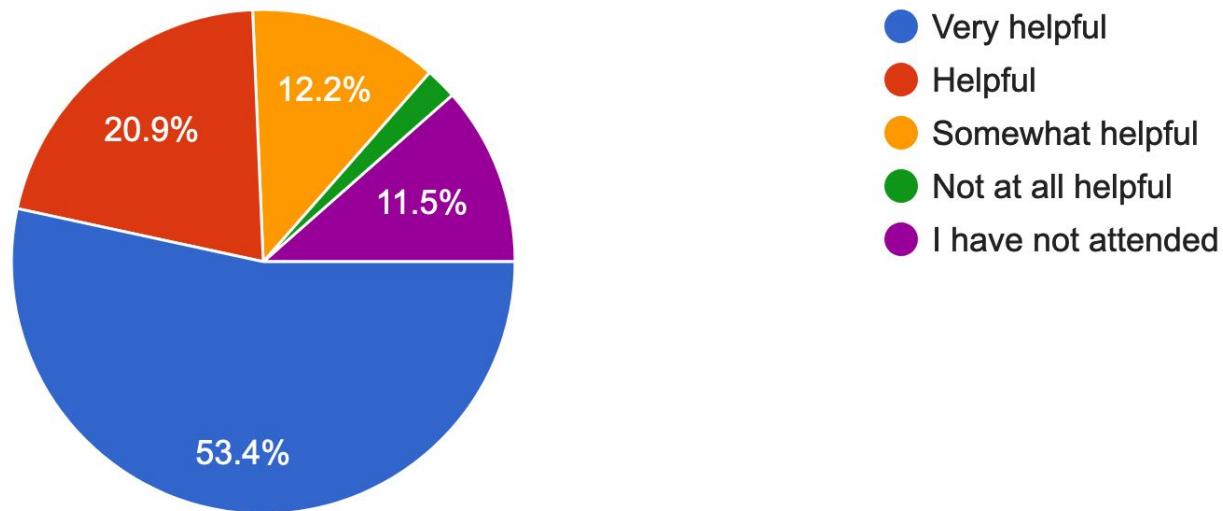
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# Streaming Liturgy and Community Life

To what degree would you say that the streaming liturgy has been helpful for you to feel connected to the Paulist Center community during the pandemic?

148 responses



# Synopsis of Comments

- \* The community expressed deep gratitude to the staff and volunteers who have made streaming liturgies possible, as well as continuing the Food Pantry and Wednesday Night Supper Club.
- \* Many were grateful for the community's discussions and response to the call of anti-racism.
- \* A number of respondents mentioned that they have found the 10am Family Liturgy of the Word to be a prayerful, helpful experience.
- \* Many expressed concern about gathering in large groups during this time, and felt that it would be safer to wait until a Covid-19 vaccine or cure is available.

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- \* Several people who are living in far-flung geographic locations shared that they have enjoyed being able to participate with the PC community virtually.
- \* Some respondents were seeking more online programming opportunities.
- \* Many conveyed that they greatly miss gathering as a community, and look forward to the time when we can safely join together again in-person.

# In Closing

Thank you to those who took the time to complete this survey. It has been helpful to the Pastoral Council and the staff to understand the feedback and concerns of the community.

Be safe, be well, and wear a mask!

Many blessings,

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