

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

*The results are in!*

Thank you to the 300 parishioner households who responded to the survey inquiring about St. Christopher's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your feedback is very useful as decisions are made moving forward.

Of those who responded, over 40% are again celebrating Mass on a regular basis. Almost 30 % have not yet returned, 23% only come occasionally, and the rest have only attended once. Of those attending, 54% are opting for weekend Mass, with 28% during the weekdays, and 18% attending both weekdays and weekends.

Our parish staff was pleased to see that 93% of the responses felt the parish has met their expectations for a clean and safe environment. Unfortunately, the remaining 7% indicated the parish is not meeting their expectations, with 5 respondents indicating that they do not feel comfortable returning. The specific feedback from this group of 15 people offered a variety of comments, largely focusing on those who do not wear masks and those who remove masks at some point during Mass. Concerns about singing, spacing, and receiving the Eucharist from the distributor's hand were also mentioned. Others shared personal health reasons for avoiding crowds.

From the responses regarding those who have not returned, the answers were highly varied. Some feel the parish is too restrictive, and others feel that greater limitations should be in place. Several families could not return due to specific health concerns. It was reassuring to find that 60% of the respondents have taken advantage of St. Christopher's live-streamed Mass.

The final question of the survey requested suggestions for additional services that might help you in these stressful times. Over 100 excellent suggestions were received! Because these ideas are highly varied and so numerous, it would be difficult to briefly summarize. Please be assured the list has been distributed to the staff, and we are taking a close look at how we might be able to satisfy these needs.

St. Christopher's community is steadfast and resilient. Thank you for your patience as we make every effort to provide a safe and clean environment for worship, while accommodating as much as possible some of the more specific needs of our members. If we all keep kindness and mutual respect as our guiding principles, we will emerge from these difficult days even stronger than before. God bless you in your journey with Jesus as your guide.