

# Results of the Respect and Reverence Survey

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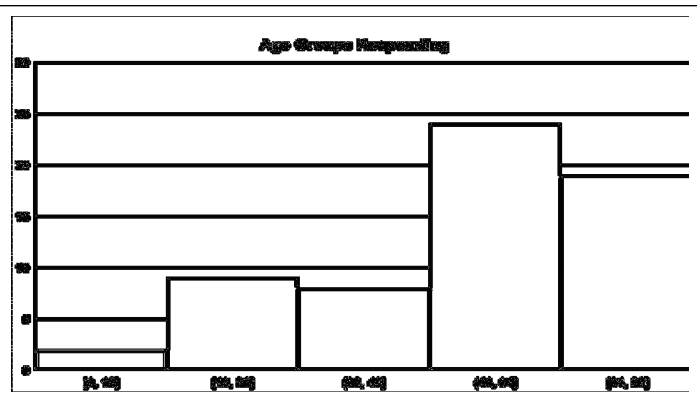
Dear Parishioners,

Christ is the Way!

Below is a statistical analysis and overview of our recent Respect and Reverence survey. Thank you to the sixty-three parishioners who participated. I gained valuable insights from your diverse thoughts. In the upcoming weeks, these thoughts and insights will be shared with you, with corresponding catechesis when needed.

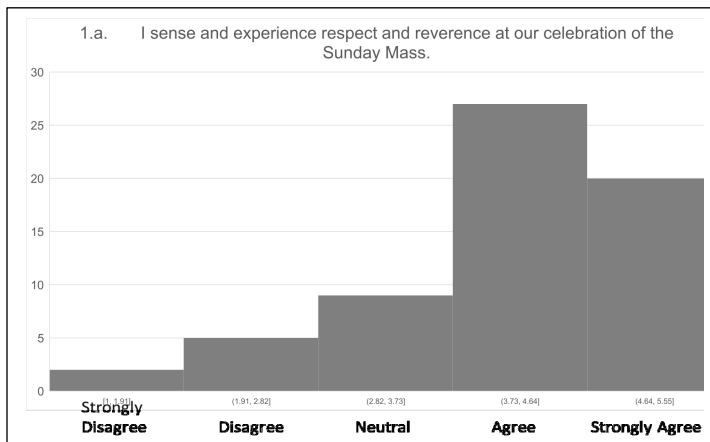
Together as a faith community, let us enter the Holy Season of Lent and turn more and more to the Lord. On alternating weekends of Lent and Easter, we will be celebrating Mass *ad orientem*. Please refer to the resources on Mass *ad orientem* found on the parish website. Be prayerful in your discernment about this orientation. We would like to hear your thoughts and experience by Pentecost.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Edison

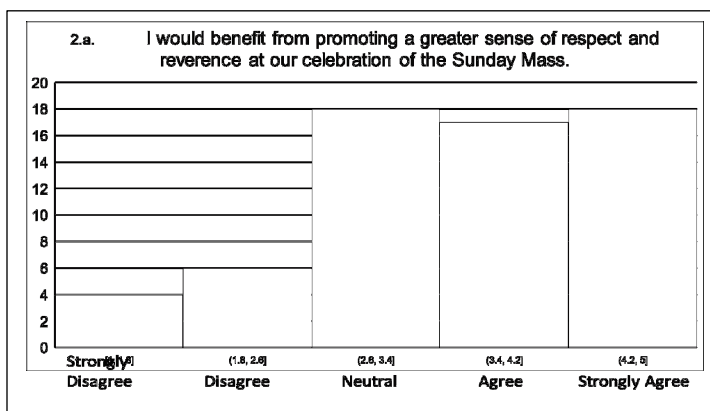


Total Respondents: 63      Average Age: 55  
 Female: 41      Over 40: 48  
 Male: 22      Under 40: 15

- 63 respondents represent ~10% of active members and a small percentage of registered parishioners.
- 97% of the respondents attend Mass every Sunday.



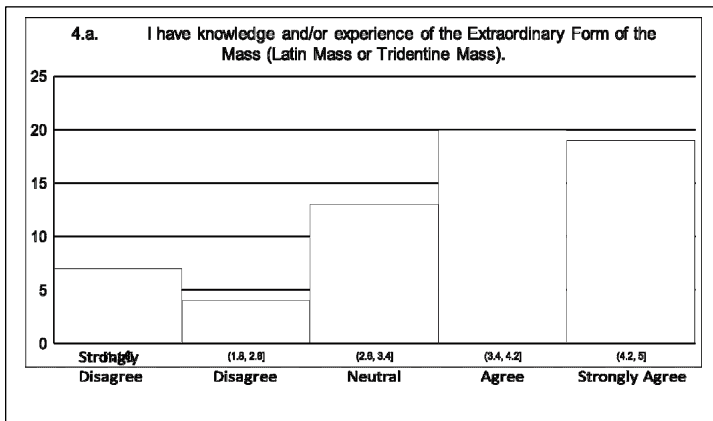
- Most respondents find respect and reverence at Mass.
- No obvious correlation to age and sex.  
 Under 40 average answer: Agree (3.7)  
 Over 40 average answer: Agree (3.9)  
 Male average answer: Agree (3.7)  
 Female Average answer: Agree (3.8)  
 (A score of 2.5 would be neutral.)



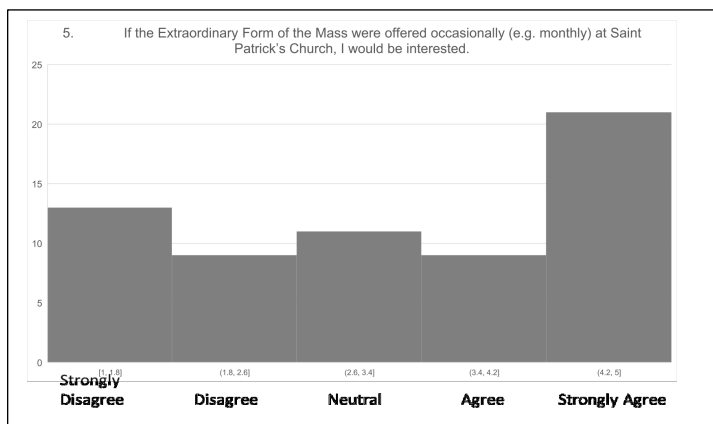
- 35 respondents feel they would benefit from more reverence at mass.
- 10 feel the current level of reverence is adequate.
- 18 were neutral.
- No obvious correlation to age or sex

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- 39 respondents have experience with the Extraordinary Form of the Mass (Latin Mass).
- Surprisingly, there is a correlation to age: many of the young respondents have experience of the Latin Mass.
- Over 40 years: Agree (3.4)
- Under 40 years: Strongly Agree (4.2)



- 29 respondents were favorable toward occasionally offering the Extraordinary Form of the Mass.
- 18 were not favorable, some quite strongly.
- 8 were neutral.
- The young responders swayed the correlation to favorable.

Over 40 years: Neutral-Agree (3.2)  
Under 40 years: Agree (4.2)

### Synopsis of comments in order of frequency:

- 8 Personal Change / Dress. Many believe our own behaviors determine reverence.
  - 6 Don't know.
  - 6 Adult Catechesis. More understanding of the Mass is needed.
  - 6 Music. Sing together more. Use songs that we know.
  - 5 Less talking before and after Mass.
  - 4 Briefly pray together after Mass.
  - 3 People should be on time for Mass. Late arrivals disturb others.
  - 3 Play soft and classical Music. Less singing.
  - 3 Latin Mass is not superior; reject it.
  - 3 Use Family Room for children. Provide childcare.
  - 2 The use of Latin will promote reverence.
  - 2 No change.
  - 2 Preach on Sunday Obligation.
  - 2 Bring back the Communion rail.
  - 2 Fr. Edison displays reverence already.
  - 2 Use incense.
  - 2 No non-Mass-related announcements before or after Mass.
  - 1 Prefers Gregorian Chant.
  - 1 Does not like Gregorian Chant.
- (There were other comments that were unique and submitted by one person)