

OUR LADY OF THE SIERRA

2018 Parish Survey

Dear Member of Our Lady of the Sierra Parish,

Thank you for taking part in this important Parish Survey measuring essential church categories. We will be gaining your thoughts and opinions in order to improve the life of the Our Lady of the Sierra community. Feel free to add any comment you wish even if it does not answer a specific question. Your opinions are important and your answers will be kept in the strictest confidence. If you have any questions about the completion of this survey, you may contact our Pastoral Council members who are:

Kackie Brubaker (683-7214), Chuck Dudek (760-8911), Mike Garcia (877-7041), Richard Lamontagne (658-2502), Pat Rhodes (760-6533), or Erlinda Teisinger – Spanish (349-3855)

Please complete the Parish Survey form by Sunday February 11, 2018, and return it to the box provided at any of our three churches. Or you may return it to our church office, or mail it to Our Lady of the Sierra Parish at P.O.Box 2499, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

Sincerely, Father Joel and the Pastoral Council

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PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS

Please list the gender and age of all those in your household:

Gender	Age

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1. Total number of members in your household: _____
2. Marital Status: Single never married ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___
3. What is your ethnicity? Caucasian _____ Hispanic _____ Asian _____ African American _____ Native American _____ If other, please specify _____
4. Which weekend Mass do you prefer to attend? Our Lady of the Sierra 4:00 _____ 11:30 _____ St. Dominic's _____ St. Joseph's _____ Spanish Mass _____
5. Where do you live? Oakhurst _____ Coarsegold _____ Ahwahnee _____ North Fork _____ Bass Lake _____ If other, please specify _____
6. Are you registered with the Parish? Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____ (If no, please call the Parish Office to register.)
7. Are you experiencing any difficulty in receiving the Sacraments or participating in the liturgy of the Church for any reason? Yes _____ No _____ If yes please explain: (i.e. health, vision, hearing, transportation, divorce, etc.) _____

SURVEY: Please check and/or make appropriate comments for developing the Parish Master Plan. Indicate the level of importance to you.

COMMUNITY: The sense of community within a Parish includes the sense of belonging at the Parish and how it welcomes people in a friendly, inclusive, non-judgmental way. This area also includes parish outreach, which refers to how well the Parish reaches out to parishioners and involves them in parish life.

<i>Questions: Tell us how important are the following to you/your household:</i>	Very Important to Me	Important to Me	Somewhat Important to Me	Not very Important to Me	Does not Apply
1. Welcoming spirit—Hospitality					
2. Opportunity to socialize and create friendships					
3. Working together as a community					
4. Outreach to homebound, special needs, elderly, etc.					
5. Communication about parish needs (pulpit announcements, bulletin, web site)					

If you could suggest one or two things to enhance the quality of parish life in the area of COMMUNITY (listed above) what would it be?

WORSHIP/LITURGY: This area includes all components of worship, such as homilies, lecturing, distributing communion, and environment. It also includes the fostering of individual spiritual growth, such as that related to personal prayer and private devotions.

<i>Questions: Tell us how important are the following to you/your household:</i>	Very Important to Me	Important to Me	Somewhat Important to Me	Not very Important to Me	Does not Apply
6. Parish Mission (Healing Mass, speakers, missionaries, etc.)					
7. Liturgical music (during Mass)					
8. Liturgical decoration and environment					
9. Community Penitential Service					
10. Sacrament for the sick					
11. Fostering spiritual growth (Adoration, Rosary, Marian Hour, Penance, Stations of the Cross, etc.)					
12. Young adults and children's involvement in the Mass celebration.					

If you could suggest one or two things to enhance the quality of parish life in the areas of WORSHIP/LITURGY what would it be?

LEADERSHIP: The leadership of the pastor, pastoral staff, Pastoral Council, and key organizations are included under the area of parish leadership. Leadership involves forming a vision for the Parish, planning for the future, and evaluating the success of parish efforts.

<i>Questions: Tell us how important are the following to you/your household:</i>	Very Important to Me	Important to Me	Somewhat Important to Me	Not very Important to Me	Does not Apply
13. Parish mission statement					
14. Planning for the future—Master Plan					
15. Evaluations of the success of programs					
16. Pastoral Council					
17. Parish town hall meeting at each church					
18. Communication about the use of parish resources/facilities					

Comments:

FAITH FORMATION: Formation in the Parish includes educating parishioners of all ages in Scripture, Church teaching, and tradition. This includes religious education programs, sacramental preparation programs, and adult formation programs. Homilies are included in this section and in the section on WORSHIP/LITURGY.

<i>Questions: Tell us how important are the following to you/your household:</i>	Very Important to Me	Important to Me	Somewhat Important to Me	Not very Important to Me	Does not Apply
19. Religious Education for school-age children and their parents or guardians					
20. Youth group/ministry					
21. Vacation Bible School					
22. Adult Faith Formation (RCIA, retreats, bible study, education series, etc.)					
23. Marriage Preparation					
24. Support groups (Family activities, singles, couples, widows, etc.)					
25. Training programs for catechists, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc.					

If you could suggest one or two things to enhance your faith and relationship with God, what would it be? (retreats, study, devotion, etc.)

How can we better get our youth and young adults involved in our Parish and their religious education?

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship involves challenging parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure with the Parish.

<i>Questions: Tell us how important are the following to you/your household:</i>	Very Important to Me	Important to Me	Somewhat Important to Me	Not very Important to Me	Does not Apply
26. That the Parish provide opportunities for parishioners to serve those in need					
27. That the Parish meets the needs of people who may feel excluded from parish life (divorced, single parent, elderly, homebound, newcomers, etc)					
28. How important is it for you to be involved					

What can the Parish do to encourage people to put their faith into actions?

What can the Parish do to encourage people to become more involved with the ministries and duties needed to effectively run the Parish to put their faith in action?

What physical improvements are needed, if any, in the structures or facilities of our parish churches?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS.

The area below is provided for comments or suggestions you feel are important to help the Pastoral Council with a comprehensive Master Plan for Our Lady of the Sierra Parish. (What are we doing well? Where do we need to improve?) If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.
