

Who's coming to Mass these days?

On April 2/3, 2011, a simple survey was taken in the Malone Catholic Parishes among all those who attended Mass. (Simple head counts had been taken on two other Sundays in preceding months.) 852 people completed the survey. The following pages attempt to share information drawn from their answers. This was the survey given:

I am (*circle one*):

- A. a parishioner of Notre Dame.
- B. a parishioner of St. Helen's.
- C. a parishioner of St. John Bosco.
- D. a parishioner of St. Joseph's.
- E. a visitor/member of another parish.

I am (*circle one*):

- A. a child (0-12)
- B. a teen (13-17)
- C. a young adult (18-24)
- D. an adult (25-39)
- E. middle aged (40-64)
- F. a senior (65+)

I live in (*circle one*):

- A. Malone/Chasm Falls.
- B. another neighboring community.

Circle one:

- A. I almost always attend this Mass.
- B. Which Mass I attend changes with my schedule.
- C. This is a fluke! I usually attend Mass at (time) _____.

Which influences you more? (*circle one*)

- A. That Mass is offered in my parish church.
- B. That the time of Mass is convenient.



Mass Attendance by Mass Time

Mass Church/Time		Attendance on 10/24/10	Attendance on 1/30/11	Took survey on 4/3/11	Seating capacity
SJ	4:00pm	327	335	222	700
ND	7:45am	126	120	115	550
SH	8:30am	66	60	47	210
SJ	9:15am	230	240	219	700
SJB	10:30am	155	115	115	300
ND	11:00am	193	210	134	550
Total		1097	1080	852	--

Mass Attendance by Parish

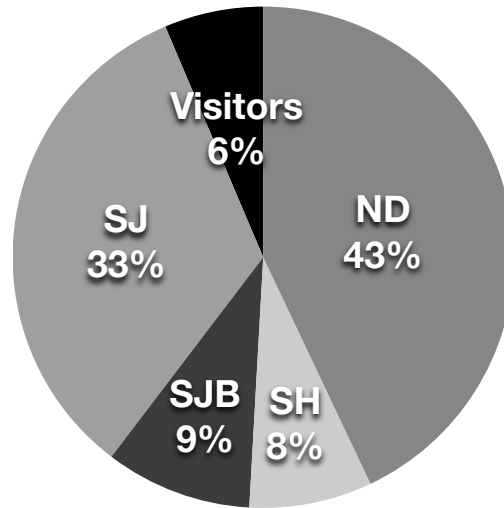
Parish	Registered parishioners*	Took survey on 4/3/11**		Attended on 4/3/11 (est.)***	
Notre Dame	3246	363	11%	442	14%
St. Helen's	298	67	22%	82	27%
St. John Bosco	505	80	16%	98	19%
St. Joseph's	1513	281	19%	343	23%
MCP combined	5562	791	14%	965	17%
Visitors	--	54	--	--	--

* Figures taken from 2009-2010 parish census database.

** Figures do not always equal the total of all who took the survey (from the first page) because some of those surveyed gave invalid answers (e.g. claimed to belong to more than one parish).

*** Estimated attendance achieved by adding 22% to the number of those surveyed, accounting for the difference between the number who completed surveys and the average Mass attendance.

Percentage of total Mass attendance by parish



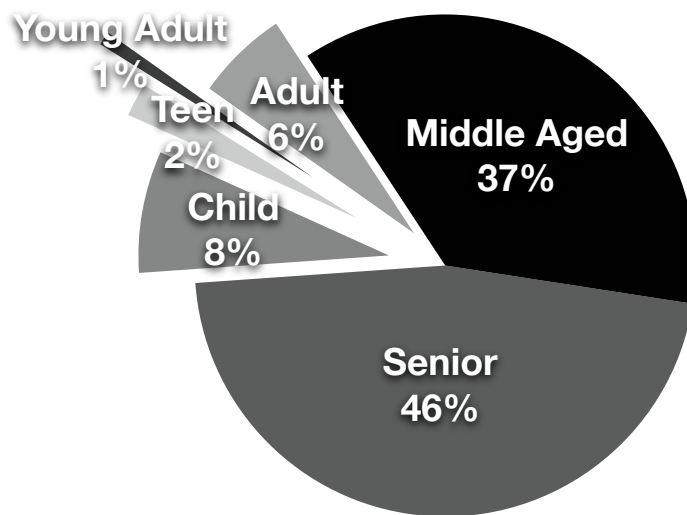
Mass Attendance by Residence

Parish	Live in Malone & Chasm Falls		Live in another neighboring community	
Notre Dame	326	90%	35	10%
St. Helen's	59	84%	8	16%
St. John Bosco	58	73%	21	27%
St. Joseph's	148	83%	31	17%
MCP combined	591	86%	95	14%
Visitors	12	--	36	--

Mass Attendance by Age

Parish	Child (0-12)	Teen (13-17)	Young adult (18-24)	Adult (25-39)	Middle aged (40-64)	Senior (65+)	Total
Notre Dame	27	5	4	21	126	179	362
St. Helen's	2	2	0	3	31	29	67
St. John Bosco	7	2	0	7	26	38	80
St. Joseph's	26	8	3	16	107	121	281
MCP combined	62	17	7	47	290	367	790
Visitors	5	1	1	3	18	24	52

Percentage of total Mass attendance by age*



*excludes visitors

A point to ponder...

"We should be engaged in the struggle to fulfill the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper: that not one given him by his Father should be lost. It is easy enough to identify with the father of the prodigal son. He had lost 50% of his family: a 50% loss is enough to concern anyone. On the other hand, it is hard to get worked up over the plight of the woman who had lost one of her ten coins: keeping hold on 90% of what one has is not bad. But we have a shepherd who, if he loses just one of a hundred sheep, is prepared to leave the ninety-nine and search for the one that is lost. For him, 99% success is not enough. Do we share that zeal?"

—Fr. Edward Miller

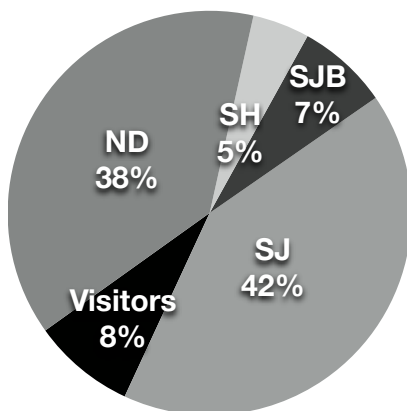
Influences on Choice of Mass Attended

Parish	Prefer a Mass offered in own parish church		Prefer a Mass offered at a convenient time	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Notre Dame	137	40%	205	60%
St. Helen's	43	72%	17	28%
St. John Bosco	42	55%	35	45%
St. Joseph's	120	46%	141	54%
MCP combined	342	46%	398	54%

Parish	Attended 4/3/11 at own parish church		Attended 4/3/11 at another MCP church	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Notre Dame	197	54%	166	46%
St. Helen's	46	69%	21	31%
St. John Bosco	45	56%	35	44%
St. Joseph's	245	87%	36	13%
MCP combined	533	67%	258	33%

**Most "diverse" Mass attendance
4:00pm (SJ)**

Parish	Attended 4:00pm 4/3/11
Notre Dame	84
St. Helen's	10
St. John Bosco	16
St. Joseph's	91
Visitors	18



**Least "diverse" Mass attendance
8:30am (SH)**

Parish	Attended 8:30am 4/3/11
Notre Dame	1
St. Helen's	46
St. John Bosco	0
St. Joseph's	0
Visitors	0

