

# SJC Parish Survey Results Report

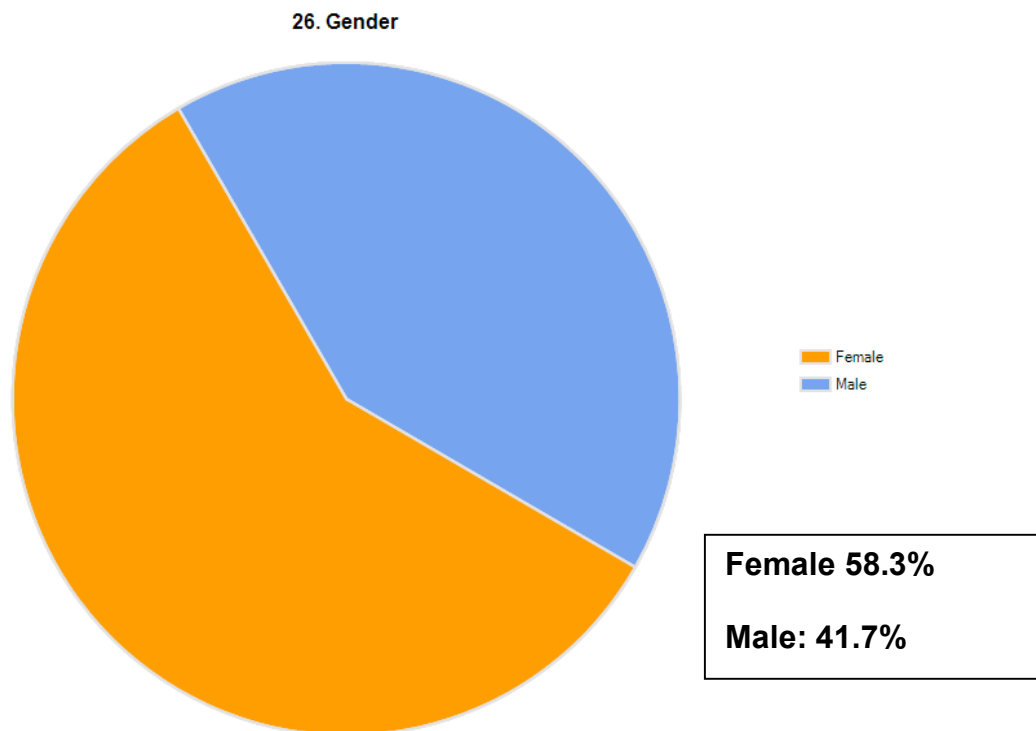
October - November, 2009

## Background:

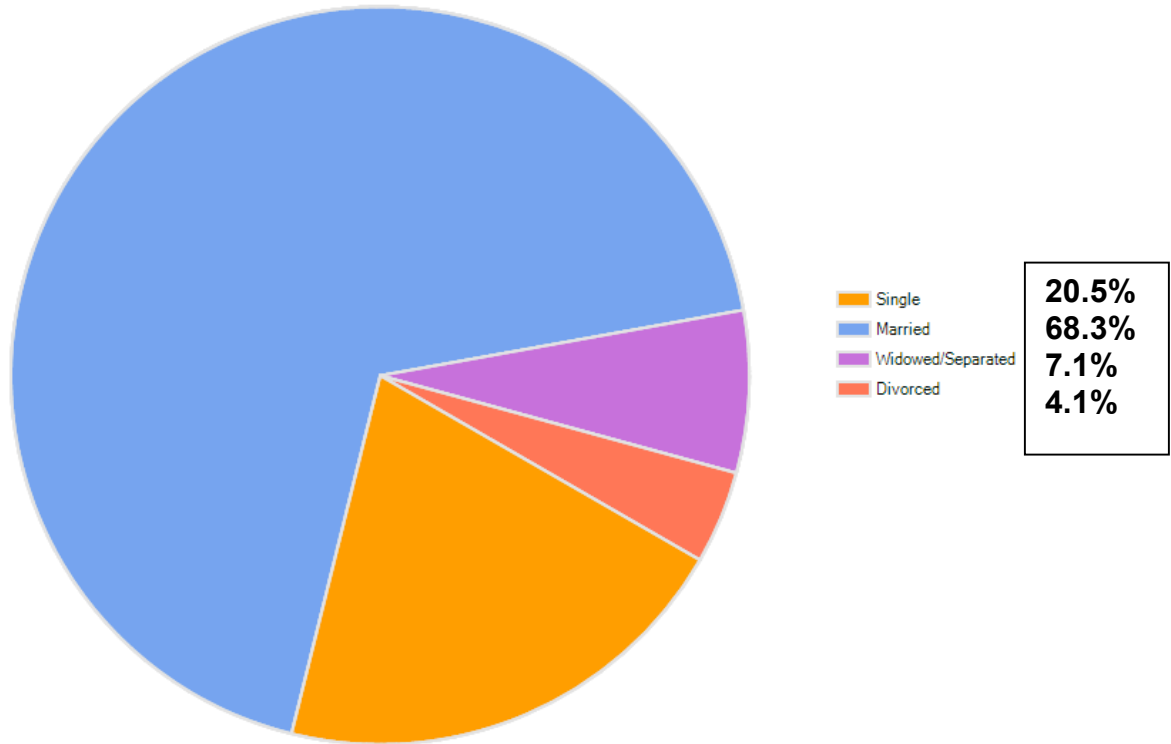
With the strong support of the St Joseph of Cupertino Pastor, Fr. Greg Kim, a small group of parishioners from the SJC Communications Committee developed a survey for the Parish. The intent of the survey was to get a general idea of what Parishioners thought and felt about how well SJC served their needs. It was also hoped that enough interest could be generated to get more people interested in becoming more active in the Parish, as the survey would be the first of many activities structured to accomplish a broader involvement . The project was called Parish Involvement.

This report presents the results of the 799 survey responses.

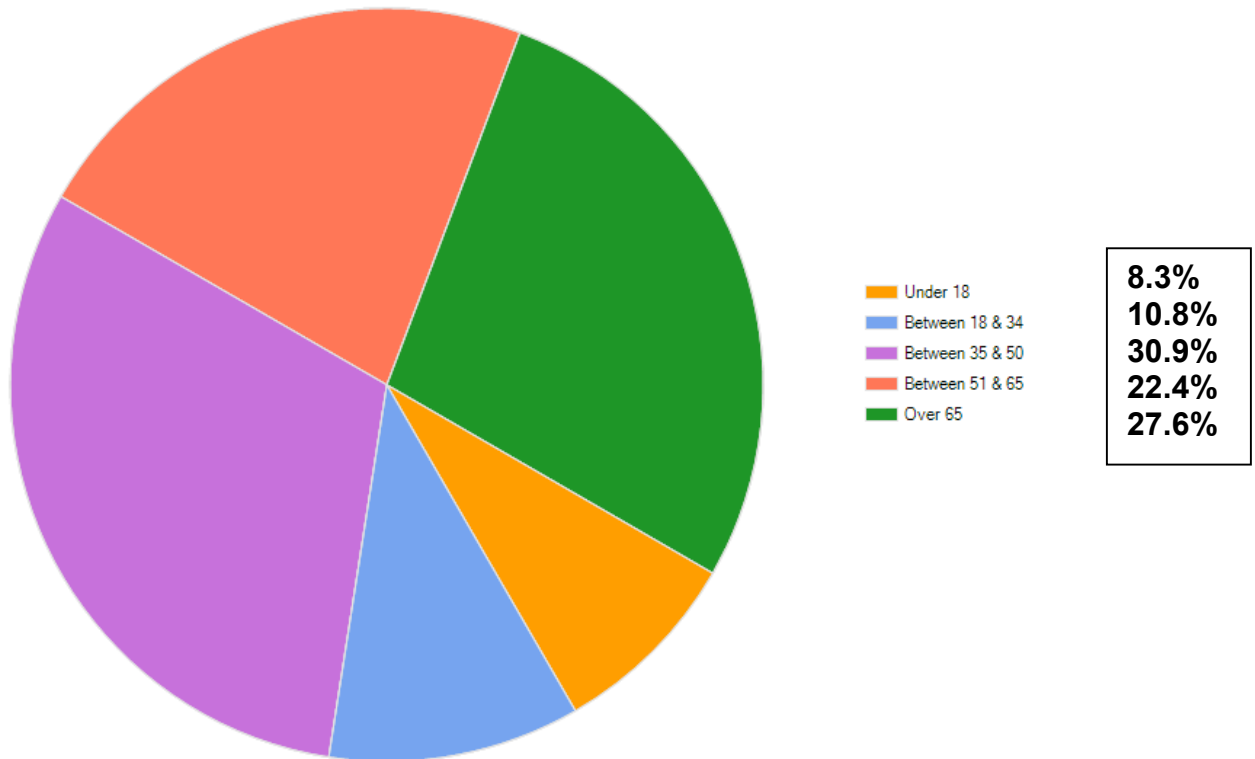
## Part I. Survey Demographics



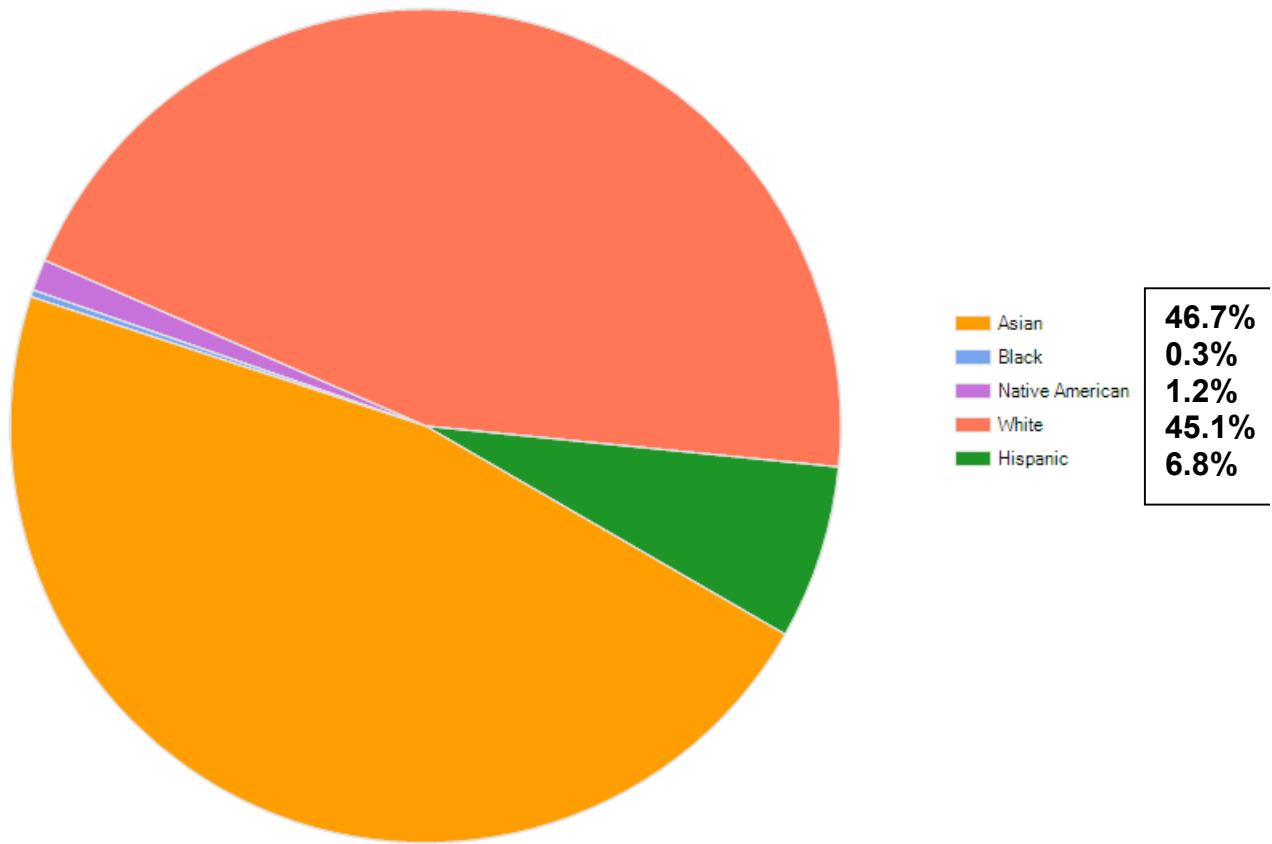
**27. Present Marital Status**



**28. Age on last Birthday**



**29. Ethnicity**



**Response Rate by Mass**

<b>Saturday, 5 PM:</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Sunday 8 AM :</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30AM :</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Sunday 11 AM:</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Sunday 5 PM:</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Other Responses:</b>	<b>44 (website, school)</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>799</b>

## Responses to Questions by Area of Interest

(Percentages are total response rates; + includes 5 + 4; Negative includes 3+ 2+1; ?=Undecided)

### Worship & Liturgy

1. The celebration of the Sunday mass at SJC and the homily assists me in understanding my faith, and connecting it to the way I live.	<b>+89.8%</b>
2. The music at the Sunday Mass at SJC helps my active participation in the liturgy.	<b>+86.4%</b>
3. The environment of the Sunday Mass at SJC helps my active participation in the liturgy.	<b>+85.4%</b>
4. The celebration of the Sunday Mass at SJC fosters a sense of community.	<b>+80%</b>
5. I attend other forms of community worship at SJC besides Sunday Mass.	<b>+44%</b>
6. SJC provides many worship opportunities to assist me in living out my faith.	<b>+77%</b>

Comments on this items indicate:

- Some homilies need improvement
- Objections to presider reading the homily
- Many favorable comments, e.g., the Masses are wonderful
- Music – several comments requesting more lively, upbeat modern music
- More like the music and say it enhances their experience of the Mass

### Christian Community

8. SJC parishioners provide an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality and belonging for all.	<b>+89%</b>
9. The parishioners at SJC welcome and support other parishioners from various age groups (young, middle aged, elderly).	<b>+84%</b>
10. The parishioners at SJC welcome and support parishioners who are physically challenged.	<b>+77%</b>
11. The parishioners at SJC welcome people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.	<b>+91%</b>
12. SJC engages in activities to encourage reuniting inactive Catholics into parish life.	<b>+66%</b>
13. SJC promotes co-operation with other Christian churches.	<b>+50%</b> <b>?46%</b>

Comments on this item indicate:

- Desire for more ecumenical involvement (other churches, groups)
- Desire for activities so SJC parishioners get to know each other better – more depth
- Emphasis on welcoming to all, new parishioners, other faiths, other cultures and not an emphasis on Asian culture only

## Outreach – Social Justice – Interfaith

15. Parishioners at SJC reach out and welcome all people, especially those who do not belong to any church.	+65%
16. Parishioners at SJC and parish groups/organizations serve parishioners in need, the poor, and disadvantaged.	+86%
17. The parish has groups/organizations which provide me with opportunities to discuss and bring about peace, justice, and equality.	+63% ?34%
18. SJC promotes understanding of major non-Christian religions	+39% ?47%

Comments on this item indicate:

- Misunderstanding about what social justice is
- Need for more education & communication in this area
- Visibility of what SJC does is limited

### Open Questions:

What are the three most important activities the parish should be doing now?  
(whether it is currently doing them or not)

Major Themes:

- More activities for youth & young adults
- More Faith formation activities
- Continue existing programs
- Outreach to get more people involved
- Homilies – make relevant to readings and daily life

3 years from now?

Major Themes:

- Innovative programs to get
  - more youth involved and
  - better serve parishioners and
  - better serve disadvantaged
- Financial stability

What is fulfilling for me about being a part of the SJC community?

Major Themes:

- Sense of belonging, community
- Spiritual fulfillment

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the kind of parish in which you would like to be a parishioner?

Major Themes:

- Want to feel part of SJC Community
  - Volunteer follow-up
  - Need for spiritual support
  - Finances – asking for money problematic
  - Priests model the culture