

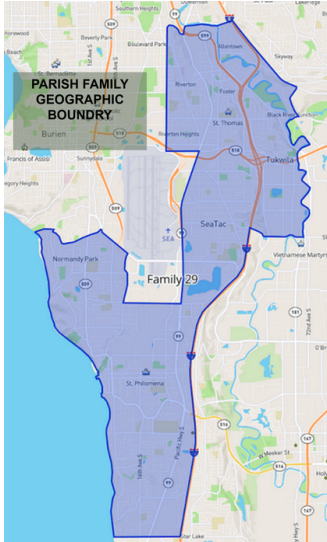


ST. PHILOMENA & ST. THOMAS PARISH FAMILY



DISCOVERING WHO WE ARE

In June 2025, the parishes of St. Philomena and St. Thomas came together to launch a demographic survey as part of our journey to better understand “Who We Are” as a parish family. Over the course of one weekend, families participated by completing the survey at each mass throughout the weekend, with others joining in online, ensuring a broad and inclusive response. The insights shared here reflect what you told us. To provide meaningful context, several of our parish demographics are compared with 2023 U.S. Census data specific to the boundaries of our parish community. This comparison helps us see more clearly who we are, where we’ve come from, and the unique makeup that makes our parish so special. As we move into the next phase of this journey, we invite you to engage in open and honest conversations—about what’s thriving, what’s challenging, and how we can continue to grow together as a parish family.



WHERE PARISHIONERS LIVE

City	St. Philomena	St. Thomas	Parish Family
Des Moines	107	6	113
SeaTac	34	28	62
Federal Way	49	13	62
Kent	52	8	60
Auburn	37	6	43
Tukwila	3	32	35
Burien	14	15	29
Seattle	9	15	24
Renton	1	14	15
Normandy Park	8		8
Tacoma	3		3
Covington	2		2
Edgewood	2		2
Other/Not Specified	12	3	15
Grand Total	333	140	473

Our parishioners span a wide geographic area across Central and South Puget Sound, reflecting a vibrant cross-section of our region.

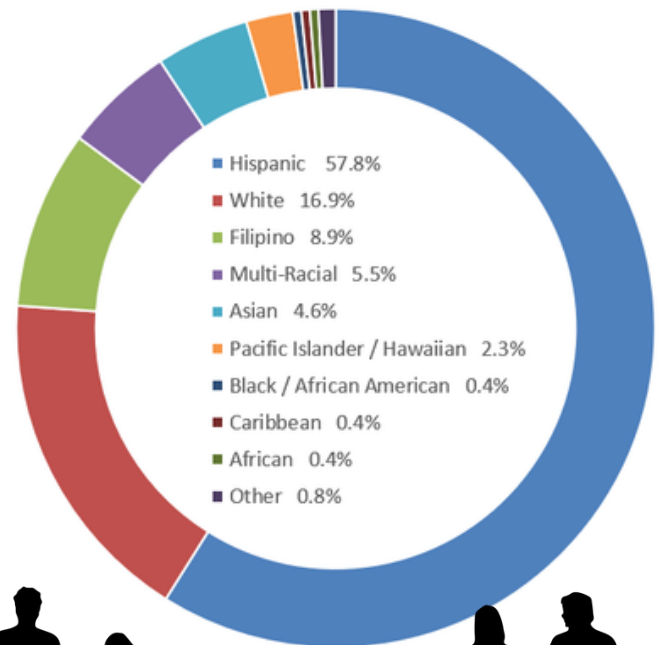
Through the recent demographic survey, we've uncovered the remarkable diversity that exists within our parish - each household contributing to the rich mosaic of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that make our community so unique.

CELEBRATING LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES

Language Spoken at Home	St. Philomena	St. Thomas	Parish Family
Spanish	61%	59%	60%
English	57%	52%	56%
Filipino (Tagalog/Visayan, etc.) and Other Pacific Island Languages	10%	9%	10%
Vietnamese	1%	4%	2%
Other Includes:	6%	11%	7%
ASL (4 Households), Burmese, Chamorro, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin), French, Latin America Indigenous, Native American, Polish, Samoan, Swahili, Swedish, Tedim Chin, Tongan			

While we highlight the four most prominent language groups, we also deeply appreciate the wide array of other languages spoken at home—particularly those used as second languages. Languages from the survey with less than 0.01% representation have been thoughtfully grouped under the “Other” category.

This highlights the incredible cultural richness and linguistic variety that make our Parish Family so special.



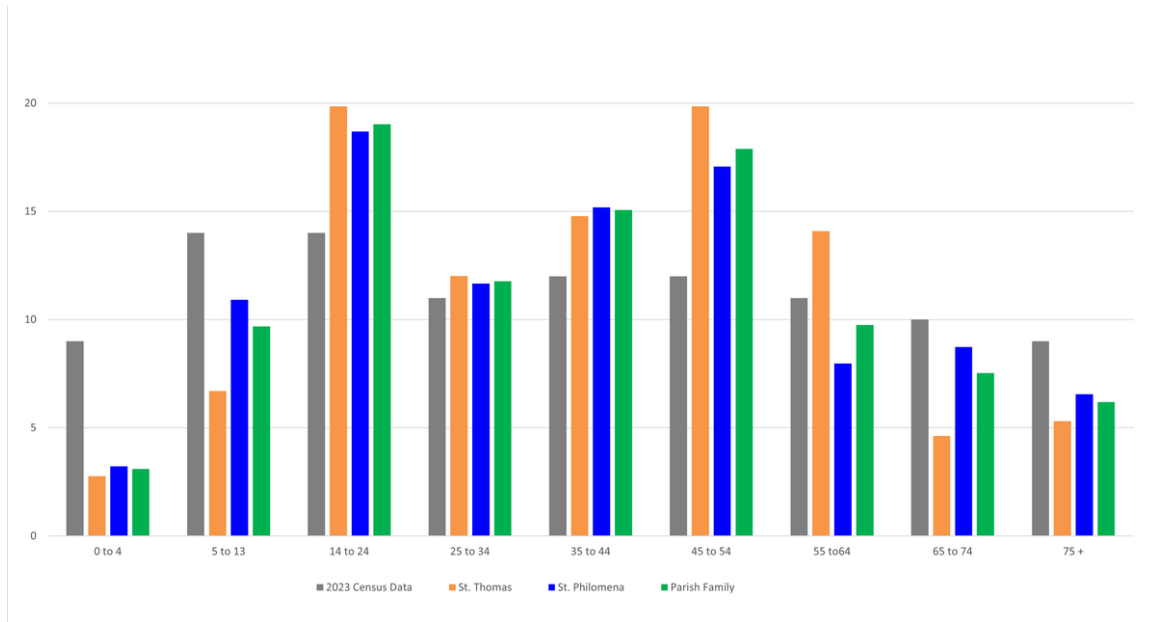
ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

Households Needing Accommodations	St. Philomena	St. Thomas	Parish Family
Physical accommodations (e.g., wheelchair ramps)	13	3	16
Auditory accommodations (e.g. ASL interpretation)	1	2	3
Visual Accommodations (e.g., braille, TTY, CART, vibrating alerts)	5		5

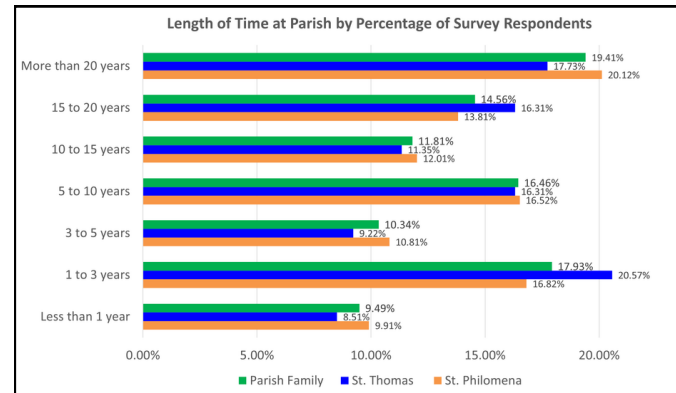
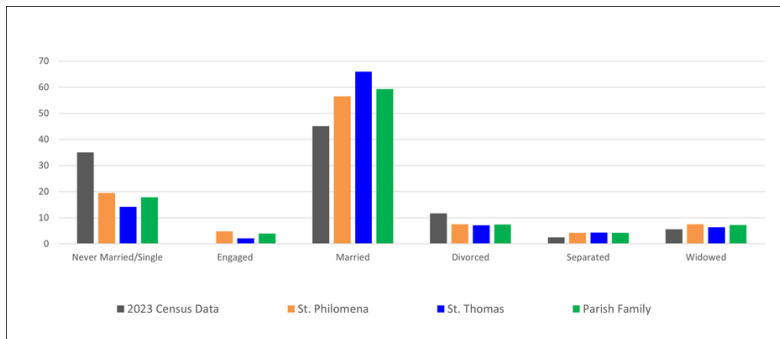


MORE ABOUT OUR FAMILY PORTRAIT

AGE BY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION / SURVEY RESPONDENTS



HOUSEHOLD BY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION/SURVEY RESPONDENTS



NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

We are in a season of reflection and growth—exploring who we are as a parish family and discerning who we are called to become. Through ongoing conversations with parishioners, we’re uncovering the unique gifts within our community. In the coming weeks, we will gather in a spirit of synodality to listen deeply and dialogue together about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for us.

The Parish Family Advisory Council is grateful for your continued support and engagement. Thank you for walking with us on this meaningful journey toward becoming one united, canonical parish family.

