

St. John XXIII Catholic Church Hispanic Ministry

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Story of the Hispanic Ministry at St John XXIII

- The Hispanic Ministry at St John XXIII began in 2009, the parish was Blessed Pope John XXIII at that time.
- We began with 7 people attending.
- Masses in Spanish were given 1 per month.
- In 2019, we started having Masses in Spanish every Sunday.



2009 with Father Ronnie Sision



2019 with Father Lorenzo González



2021 with Father Luis Albarracín



Before Covid



During Covid



During Covid

The Hispanic Ministry and the Community

Christmas Gifts at the Family Health Center

Bonita Spring (2020)



Christmas Gifts at the Family Health Center

Fort Myers (2020)



Christmas Gifts at the Family Health Center

LaBelle (2020)



40 Days of Life

Fort Myers (2020 & 2021)



The Hispanic Ministry has currently two active groups

- Praying the Rosary (at the church and via Zoom)
- Growing in Faith

Growing in Faith

Fort Myers (2021)



Praying the Rosary

Fort Myers (2021)



Special Masses

- Baptisms
- Quinceañeras

Baptisms



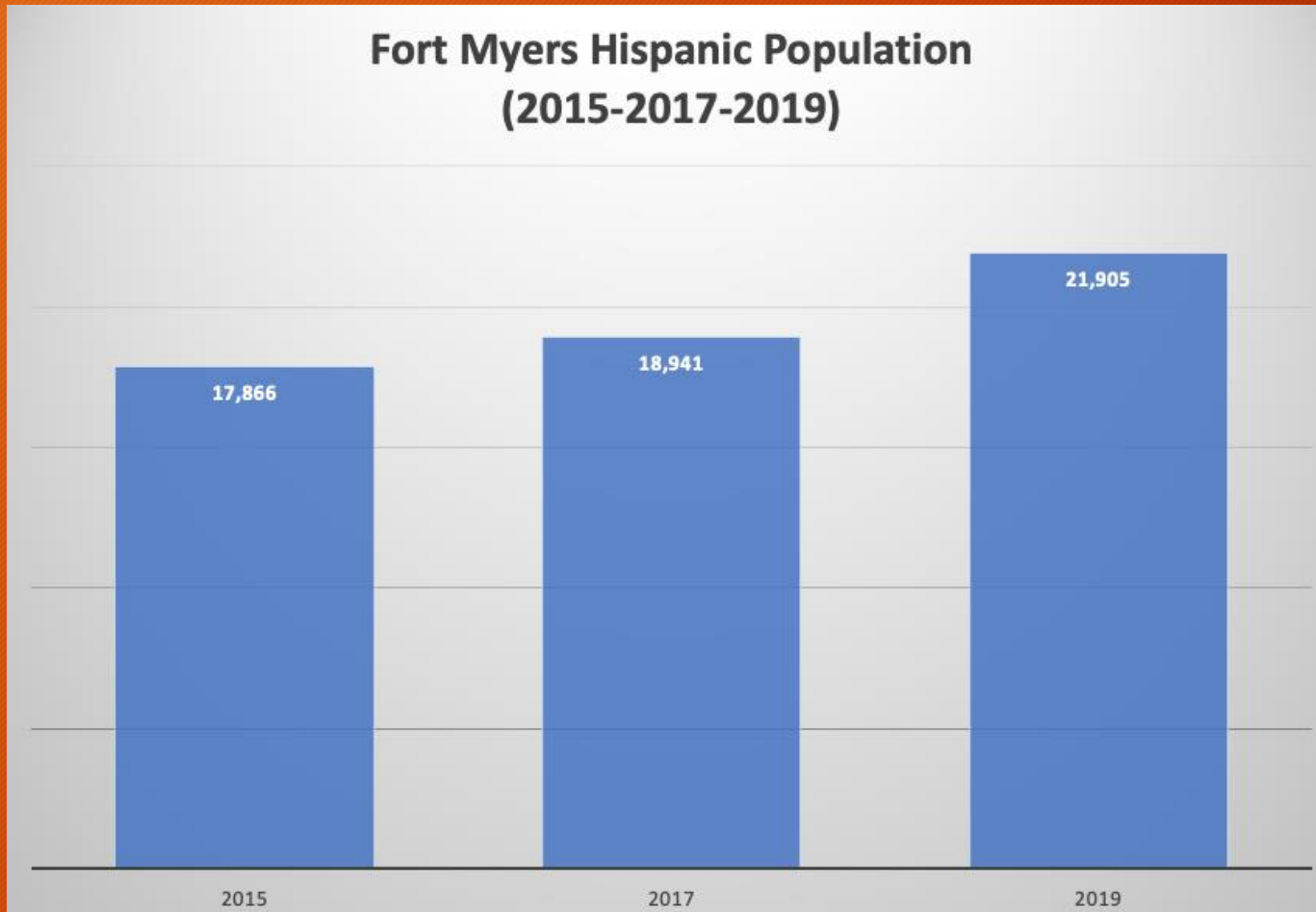
2020	6
2021	1
2021	3

Quinceaños



6-Mar	1
29-May	1
14-Aug	1
2-Oct	1

Fort Myers Hispanic Population



	2015	2017	2019
Population	17,866	18,941	21,905

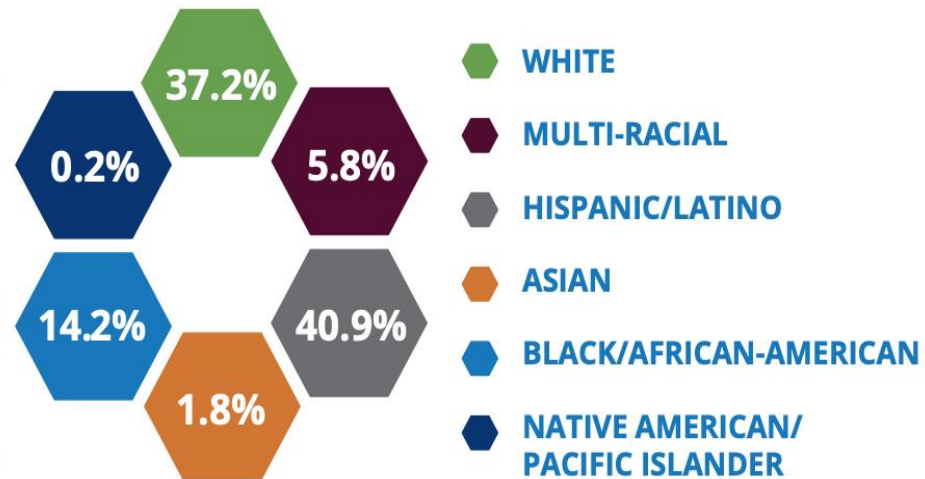
➤ 2015

➤ 2017

➤ 2019

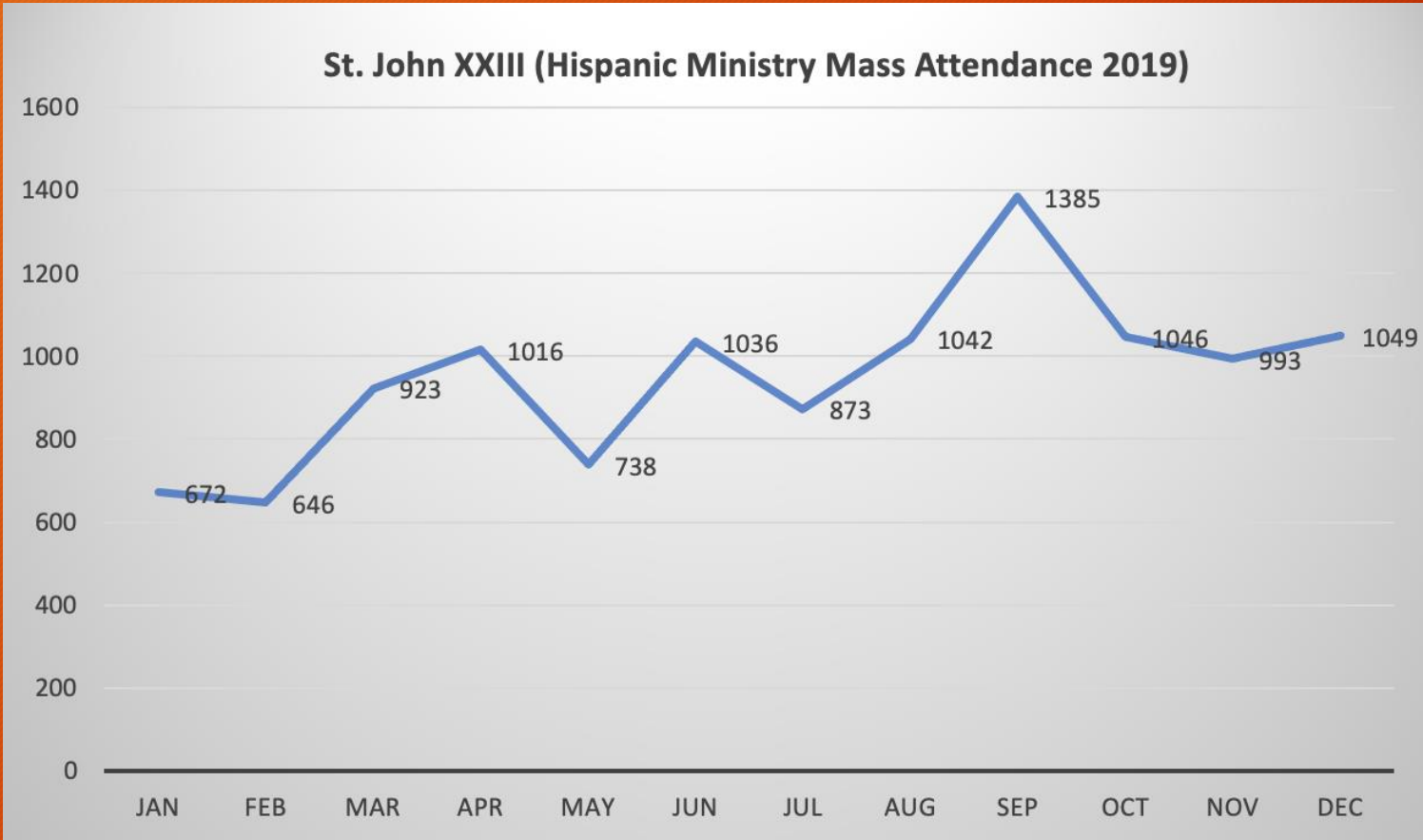
2019 - 2020 District Profile

STUDENT RACIAL DIVERSITY*



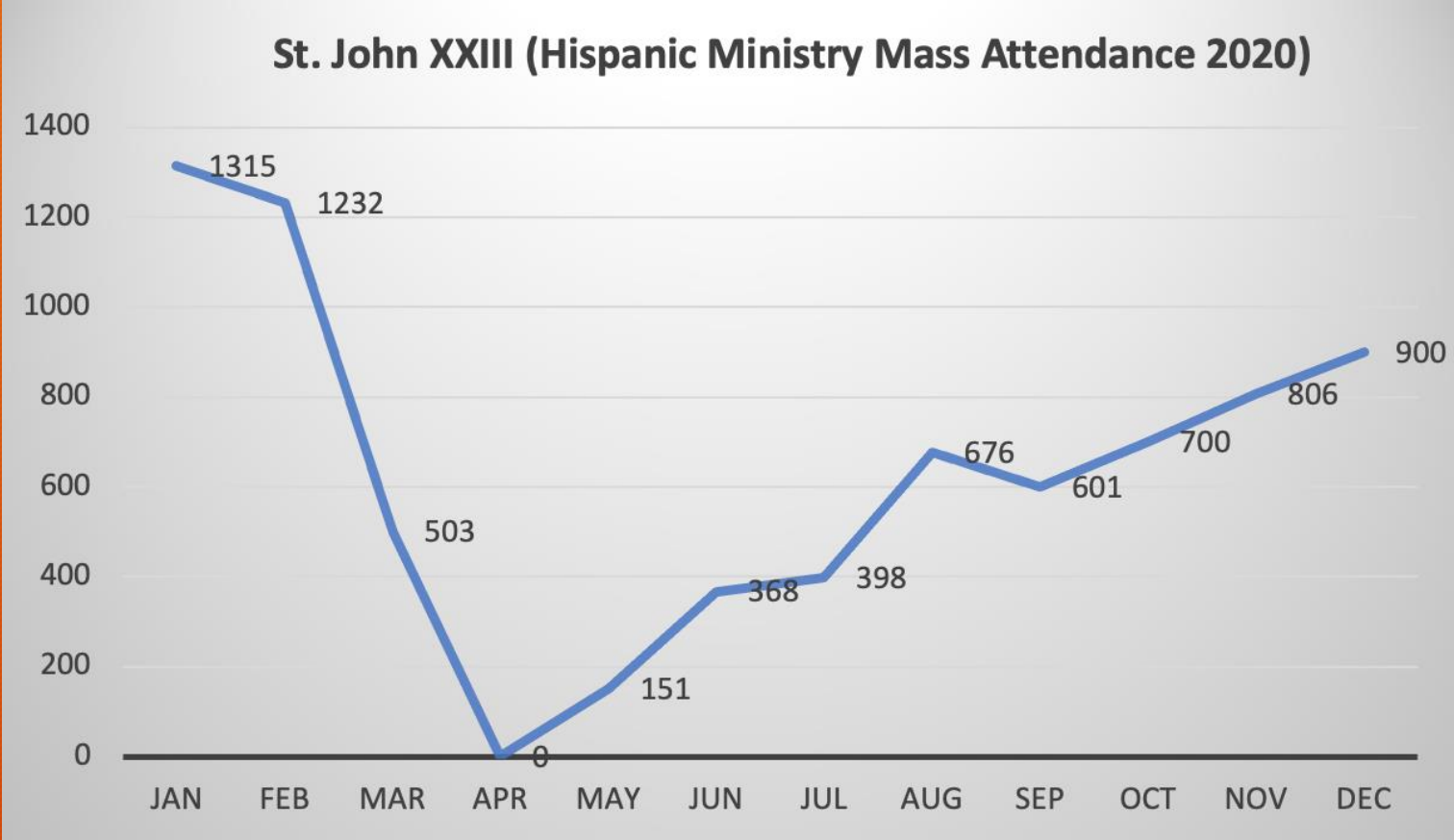
**As of 2019-2020*

Hispanic Mass Attendance (2019)



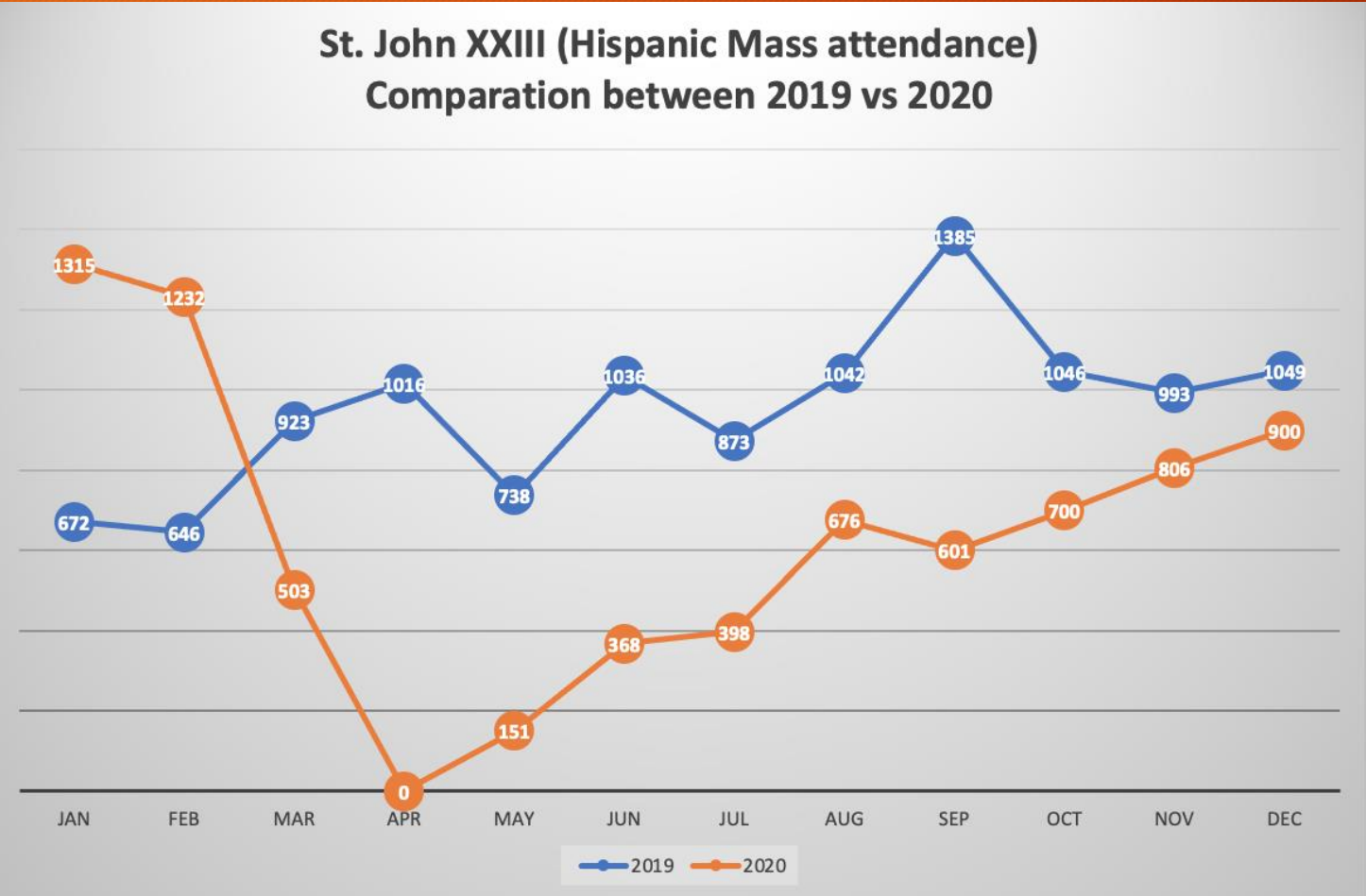
	2019
Jan	672
Feb	646
Mar	923
Apr	1016
May	738
Jun	1036
Jul	873
Aug	1042
Sep	1385
Oct	1046
Nov	993
Dec	1049
	11419

Hispanic Mass Attendance (2020)



	2020
Jan	1315
Feb	1232
Mar	503
Apr	0
May	151
Jun	368
Jul	398
Aug	676
Sep	601
Oct	700
Nov	806
Dec	900
	7650

Hispanic Mass Attendance (2019 vs 2020)



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Conclusion about these numbers

- There are 3843 units new housing places around the church (This survey was made in February 2021)
- If we consider that there are 2 people living per place, the total new population is 7686 people
- Based on Census Bureau, the Hispanic population represent the 25.1% (*) of the total population.
- The potential assistance is 1929 people
- If we consider that the 55 % (**) is Catholic, and they are interested in participating in St. John Catholic Church. The total assistants will be 1061 people

(*) Source: US Census Bureau (2019: ACS 1-Year)

(**) Source: Pew Research Center

How are we planning to reach these people?

- Google AdWords
- Social media
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
- Newspaper
- Television
 - Telemundo
 - Univision

Final Conclusions

- As shown on the statistics, the Hispanic community is growing and according to the projections, it will continue increasing.
- These numbers show the need of a permanent bi-lingual priest for:
 - Celebrations of all masses throughout the year, including special masses (Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, etc) and special masses requested by the parishioners (quinceaneras, weddings, funerals, etc).
 - Guidance to the parishioners during their hard times.
 - Support the groups
 - ✓ Growing in Faith
 - ✓ Praying the Rosary
 - Increase the number of confessions.
 - Help with the formation of new groups.
 - Increase the identity with the parish.

El Final / The End

➤ Muchas Gracias

➤ Thank you very much