



### Parish Accessibility Survey

*The measurements indicated throughout this survey are based on national standards developed by the American National Standards Institutes (#A117.1, 1986 edition), and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. Specific requirements may vary by state.*

*NO" answers indicate areas of non-access which need to be addressed in providing full access to people with disabilities.*

#### Worship

	Yes	No
Are there one or two pews 32" apart for use by people who use crutches or walkers?		
Have the ends of several pews been removed to allow people in wheelchairs to sit with family?		
Are there padded seats for some pews, or seat pads to distribute?		
Is there an amplification system for persons who are hard of hearing? If yes, what type _____		
Are there areas of adequate lighting to enable participation in worship?		
Is there adequate lighting on speakers and interpreters, with no shadows on either?		
Are missalettes and hymnals available for visually impaired people in: - large print? - braille? Is audio-description also available?		
Are there interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing parishioners? a. If yes, are they: - sign language? - oral? b. In lieu of interpreters, is there real-time captioning available?		
Is the sanctuary accessible so that mobility-impaired parishioners can serve as lectors or Eucharistic ministers?		
Have ushers been trained to offer appropriate assistance?		





**Parking**

	Yes	No
Are there reserved spaces for people with disabilities? If yes, how many? _____		
Are reserved spaces at least 8' wide? If no, actual width _____ Is there an adjacent access aisle at least 5' wide (this is the ideal)?		
Are the reserved space and access aisle paved, even if the rest of the parking lot is not paved?		
Are reserved spaces posted with an access symbol not obscured by a vehicle parked in the space?		
Are reserved spaces on a level surface?		
Is there a 3' wide curb cut between the parking lot and sidewalk, with a slope of 1":12"? - Actual width of curb cut? _____ - Actual slope of curb cut? _____		
Is reserved space close to an accessible entrance and on an accessible route?		
Is the path between reserved space and accessible entrance free of obstacles? - If no, describe _____		





**Building Approach and Entrance**

<b>WALKWAYS</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Do walkways have non-slip, paved surfaces?			
Are walkways at least 3' wide? - If no, actual width_____			
Are walkways of a continuing common surface, and not interrupted by steps?			
Are there any protruding objects in the walkway?			
<b>RAMPS</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Do ramps have side rails on both sides? - Are side rails 30" - 34" above the surface of the ramp? - Do side rails extend 1' beyond the top and bottom of the ramp?			
Do ramps have a non-slip surface?			
Do ramps have at least a 5" clearance (landing) at the top and bottom? - If no, actual dimension_____			
Do ramps have level platforms at 30' intervals and whenever they turn (for purposes of rest and safety)?			
<b>WHEELCHAIR - LIFT</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is platform at least 42" x 48"? - If no, actual dimension_____			
Can lift be operated by persons with disabilities without assistance?			
Is the lift secured to prevent accidents or misuse?			
<b>ENTRANCE</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is at least one primary entrance to building usable by people with mobility impairments?			
Do doors have a clear opening of 32" or more? - If no, actual width? _____			





If doors have a closer, is there a time-delay device?		
When closed, are doors that are in a series separated by at least 4' plus the width of any door swinging into the space? - If no, actual distance_____		
Are all thresholds level (less than 1/4 inch), or beveled, up to 1/2 inch high?		
Are door handles 48" high or less?		
Are door handles operable with a closed fist?		
In hallways and aisles, are all obstacles cane-detectable (located within 27" of the floor or protruding less than 4" from the wall)?		
<b>STAIRS</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Do stairs have a non-slip surface?		
Is there a continuous and stable handrail along both sides of the stairs? - If no, is there a handrail on one side?		
Is there textural or color change at the top and bottom of steps to alert persons who are blind or visually impaired?		
Are steps well lit?		





**Interior Access**

<b>RESTROOMS</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is there at least one accessible restroom provided on each floor?		
Do entranceways, doors, and vision screens allow 32" clearance?		
Is there at least one toilet stall that: - has a 48" clear depth from door closing to front of commode? - has a door that is 36" wide & swings out? - has grab bars 36" long on each side or on one side and rear wall, 33"-36" above floor, fastened securely to the wall at the ends and center? - has commode with seat 17" to 19" from floor? - has flush control no more than 44" above floor?		
Are sinks wall-mounted with rim no higher than 34" from floor?		
Do sinks have faucets operable with a closed fist? (Single-lever type handles not requiring hand grip are preferred.)		
Are exposed drain pipes and hot water pipes covered or insulated?		
Are some mirrors and shelves at a height with the bottom no higher than 40" above floor (or slanted to allow vision at that level)?		
Are some towel racks, and other dispensers and disposal units mounted no higher than 40" from the floor?		
If urinal is in a stall, is stall at least 36" wide? - If no, actual width_____		
Do restrooms for men have wall-mounted urinals with the opening of the basin no higher than 17" from the floor, or have floor-mounted urinals that are level with the main floor?		
<b>FLOORS AND COORIDORS</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Do floors have a non-slip surface?		
Are corridors on each floor at a common level or connected by a ramp?		
Where carpeting is used, is it a tight weave and low pile, preferably free of padding?		





Are corridors free of jutting signs, light fixtures, coat hooks, and loose clutter that can trip or injure a person?		
Are corridors well-lit?		
<b>ELEVATORS</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If building is multi-story, is there an elevator?		
Does the door have a clear opening at least 36" wide? - If no, actual width_____		
Are the call buttons 42" from floor?		
Are all of the controls 48" or less from floor? - If no, actual height_____		
Are the buttons labeled with raised or braille letters beside them?		
Is the cab at least 68" x 51"? - If no, actual dimension_____		
Is there a handrail provided on at least one side, 32" from the floor?		
When the elevator stops, is it self-leveling (1/2" maximum)?		
Is the door slow closing, with a sensing device?		
Is there an audible signal at each floor?		

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