

Music Ministries

Cantors

Cantors have a role that is of singular importance in the life of the parish family. The role encompasses many areas, including ritual, musical, pastoral, and theological. The primary function of the Cantor is to proclaim the Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word. Those who sing well, both men and women, and feel called to lead the community in sung prayer are always needed. Cantor training is available on an individual basis, and requires time to prepare, pray, and practice. Cantors are scheduled to sing as often as they request.

Accompanists

Our parish accompanists share their gift of music by accompanying all our Sunday celebrations, special liturgies, and many prayer services throughout the year. By accompanying our music as we celebrate together in community, and also by the use of instrumental pieces, our accompanists' assist us preparing our hearts for worship, whether it is in moments of great praise, or deep reflection. They commit a great deal of time, not only in playing for liturgies, but also in practicing in order to lead well.

Celebration Choir

Celebration Choir sings at liturgies approximately three Sundays of the month and for special liturgies including those during Holy Week and Easter. The choir is open to those who are middle-school age through adult. The choir practices on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning in September and continuing through Best Fest in May. Give us a try if you haven't yet, the Celebration Choir is directed by Michelle Pare.

Resurrection Choir

The Resurrection Choir, which consists of a dedicated group of parishioners, volunteer their time to support families who are grieving, by singing at funeral Masses. There is no requirement for musical training, just a love for singing, and a desire to offer comfort and support. The choir practices on the

second Monday of each month (March –November) from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Members are notified through a call list when a funeral is scheduled, and make every effort to be at the funeral if possible, but there is no requirement that members are present at every funeral. New members are always welcome.

Millennium Choir

The Millennium Choir began in 2001 when a few individuals began sharing their ideas of how a variety of choirs would enhance the overall feel of the community within St. Mary Parish. The choir uses the traditional as well as contemporary music, incorporating guitars and drums. Although the choir strives to play and sing beautiful music, their main goal is to have the music "move" the congregation to sing along. The Millennium Choir is made up of vocals, guitars, flute piano and percussion. They usually play at 2 or 3 masses per month. Practice is always one hour before the scheduled Mass. They are always looking for new members.



Choir for Spanish Masses

Masses in Spanish have taken place regularly over the past year. This Choir leads the singing for the participants in Spanish Masses at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Teen Choir

The Teen choir for teens 9th-12th grade and is made up of vocals, trumpet, saxophone, piano, and guitar. They meet an hour and a half before their scheduled Mass and play/sing prelude music.