

“Christians have sung in sacred liturgy since the Church’s earliest days. And the Jewish people have sung praise to God, in the context of holy worship, for thousands of years. The Psalms are the record of the liturgical song-prayers of the Jewish people. When we sing in the context of Holy Mass, we join a tradition of sacred worship that goes back to at least the time of King David himself. ‘Let us come before him with a song of praise,’ wrote King David, ‘joyfully sing out our psalms.’”



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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JOIN THE CHOIR FAMILY

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



“To sing is to pray twice.”

~ St. Augustine



ST TERESA OF AVILA MUSIC MINISTRY

Our goal in music ministry is to provide a means for parishioners to participate more fully and meaningfully in liturgical celebrations. This ministry provides guidance and leadership to parishioners in the musical celebration of the liturgy and opportunities to participate as cantors, instrumentalists and in choral groups.

Sung prayer reaches its high point in the sacred liturgy, the public worship of the Church. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is made more beautiful by the singing of every Catholic, who is called to active participation—through sung prayer, especially in the Mass.



Opportunities ...

Adult Choir - Our Adult Choir leads the assembly in worship at the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 PM. This choir also provides special music for Christmas and Holy Week.

Children/Youth Choir - Until the Sunday 5:30 PM liturgy resumes, we will be combining children and youth choirs at the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. All children and youth from kindergarten through high school age are welcome! This group rehearses on Mondays, from 3:15-4:15 PM.

School Choir - All St. Joseph's school students are invited to lead worship at the Wednesday morning Mass. Rehearsals are from 8-8:30am on Wednesdays in the church before the school Mass.

Saturday 5 PM Choir - Currently, Saturday evening Mass is led by a cantor and accompanist. Would you be interested in starting a choir at this Mass?? If so, please contact Jean Sawyer.

Gregorian Chant Seasonal

Choir - Given sufficient interest, this will be a new opportunity to offer sung praise at periodic Sunday services, and at special Holy Days and other services. This group will be bringing back acapella music from the roots of our faith tradition. Anyone interested is invited to audition for this unique group.

Cantors - Lead the community in sung prayer by singing the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. If you are interested in auditioning, please contact Jean Sawyer.

Instrumentalists - Instrumental musicians enhance the worship experience at the regular Masses and at various times during the liturgical year. Please contact Jean Sawyer if you play an instrument and would like to audition to take part in our music ministry.

From Jean Sawyer, Music Director:
"Music communicates deeper than words alone the love, faith and life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Together in joy, we share the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters."

