

Music Ministry



WHY WE SING ... “A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things. As St. Augustine says, ‘Singing is for the one who loves.’ Music is therefore a sign of God’s love for us and our love for him. In this sense, it is very personal. But unless music sounds, it is not music and whenever it sounds, it is accessible to others. By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people.”
(from “Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship” issued by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 2007)

The purpose and mission of the Music Ministry is to lead the people in participating in the music at Liturgy. Music has the power to channel and express our emotions and beliefs by involving people, setting the mood, creating beauty; it is not just something IN the liturgy, it is OF the liturgy.

Within the Mass people may exercise music ministry in different ways. Some play accompaniment instruments and others sing in the choir. God has endowed believers with a variety of gifts and the Church depends on these gifts for the reception and expression of our faith. We endeavor to provide music at all weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation, at both St. Thomas the Apostle and at St. Anthony of Padua in Challenge.

If you feel you have the gift of music, please come join us. The qualifications of a music minister are few and simple: the ability to carry a tune and/or play a musical instrument and some knowledge of liturgical guidelines is helpful, however these guidelines can be learned. We would love to hear from you.

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