

Choir Program: Revised on May 31, 2009

Mission: The Choir serves the congregation by providing support for their sung prayer and liturgically-fitting music, assisting the parish community in their expression of faith. The Choir will continue to expand in numbers to fill the Choir seating section to capacity. The repertoire and finesse of performance grows and improves every year.

A select group of singers will be developed, whose leadership assists the larger Choir, and who form a *schola cantorum* for use in more complicated music than can be attempted by a less professional group. The Choir inspires parishioners to sing exuberantly enough to “raise the roof” of our beautiful church in liturgical music.



Organization: The Choir is open to singers, high school age and beyond. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in church, with occasionally-scheduled Tuesday rehearsals as needed. A Choir Director is provided to assist the Music Director with the Choir program.

The Choir normally sings for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, and for Christmas and Holy Week. The Choir also sings for special occasions and for parish sacramental celebrations as requested. The Choir season usually extends from the Sunday after Labor Day until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.

The Music Director recruits Choir members according to musical ability. Long-term commitments to membership in the Choir are expected and necessary for this Music Ministry.

A volunteer librarian is appointed to assist the Music Director with the preparation and setting out of Choir music for the Choir members at practices and at Masses.

Membership: Each year, the Music Director asks the musicians to propose the names of individuals from their ministry for consideration as music ministry representatives. After consulting with the Pastor, the Music Director selects the representative from this ministry to the Commission.