

Sunday Evening Mass Program: Revised on August 4, 2009

Sunday Evening Mass: The Sunday Evening Mass program has evolved from the former Sunday Evening “Teen Mass” during the school year, into a “regular Mass” hosted by Youth Ministry for people of every age group throughout the whole year.

The Sunday Evening Mass, including all the liturgical and music ministries, is hosted by Youth Ministry throughout the year.



Music and Liturgy Plan: The music is coordinated by a Lead Musician, with the help of high school cantors and instrumentalists, from the Sunday after Labor Day until Memorial Day weekend. Sometimes this timeframe is extended by the Pastor to either Pentecost Sunday or to the last Sunday of May.

High school Youth Ministry members also take an active role in all the liturgical ministries at this Mass. They are trained by the Youth Ministry Director in consultation with the Liturgy Coordinator. They are supervised by the Youth Ministry Director or by trained liturgy assistants on Sunday evenings.

The parish high school youth, who regularly serve in the liturgy ministries during the school year, continue to be scheduled on a limited basis during the summer months as well. However, the summer liturgies are usually celebrated without music, like weekday morning Masses. For more information, please consult the notes for the Sunday Evening Mass in the “Other Ministries” section of the Liturgical Ministries section of the Parish Covenant Book.

All Are Welcome: Parishioners of all ages are welcome to the Sunday evening Mass, young and old, and in-between. Because of the size of the parish community, the Sunday evening Mass is an essential part of the total parish weekend schedule of Masses to accommodate the growing congregation of St. Mary Church.

Membership: Each year, the Youth Ministry Director asks the teen participants in the Sunday Evening Mass program to propose the names of fellow teens for consideration as the Youth Ministry liaison to the Worship Commission. This liaison represents all the liturgical and music ministries from the Sunday Evening Mass program. After consulting with the Pastor, the Youth Ministry Director selects the liaison from this ministry to the Commission. (While this person has the status of a liaison to the Worship Commission, there is also a teen with the status of representative to the Spirituality Commission.)