



# Shared Ministry at St. Mary

"For we are all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." 1 Cor. 12:13

## Job Description Accompanist (keyboard or guitar)

**Ministry:** Liturgy

**Program:** Music ministry

**Contact:** Coordinator of Liturgy and Music

**Benefits of the Position:** Opportunity to use gifts to proclaim Christ and benefit your parish community. Experience fellowship and support of fellow music ministers. Grow connected to the liturgy and gain self confidence.

### **Gifts and Qualifications:**

- Enjoy playing the keyboard or guitar and feel called to share your gifts!
- Can comfortably play intermediate level piano or guitar music
- Have experience accompanying a soloist or a music group in front of others

### **Responsibilities:**

- Communicate dates of availability through Ministry Scheduler Pro
- Schedule rehearsal with cantor prior to Mass
- Have music prepared prior to rehearsal
- Understand the structure of the Mass, know cues, etc.
- Give clear instrumental introductions to songs
- Maintain a steady and appropriate tempo
- Be able to play as a soloist when needed (Preparation of Gifts, Communion)

**Length of Commitment:** Scheduling is flexible, Ministry Scheduler Pro schedules according to available dates. In addition to weekend Masses, there are accompanying opportunities on holy days, funerals and weddings.

**Training Required:** Most accompanists and guitar players have had some form of training through private lessons and school music program experiences.

**Supervision/Support:** The Liturgy Coordinator will help train music ministers individually through rehearsals and through occasional group training meetings. Music related updates are usually communicated through email. Music ministers are under the supervision of the Liturgy Coordinator and the Liturgy Committee.