



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 Cantor (Songleader)

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 singing and feel called to share your gifts
- Ability to speak and sing clearly and accurately
- Ability to sing on pitch and project voice in a healthy way
- Reasonably comfortable being in front of assembly and using microphones
- Ability to read music notation is preferred
- Willing to sing solo passages such as during the Responsorial Psalm

Responsibilities:

- Communicate dates of availability through Ministry Scheduler Pro
- Schedule rehearsal with accompanist or guitar player prior to Mass
- Understand the structure of the Mass, know cues, etc.
- Announce song numbers when appropriate
- Lead the Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, etc. cueing assembly when appropriate
- Occasionally teach new music prior to Mass

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

Training Required: It is preferred cantors have some experience reading music notation and are familiar with common musical terms and symbols. Most cantors have had some form of vocal training either through their school music programs or private lessons, though this is not necessarily required.

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.