



Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The **Music Ministry** at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is under the direction of Jody Richter. Jody is the organist and choir director at the parish.

We offer various opportunities for parishioners to be involved in our music program.

Cantors: Our Cantors lead the congregation in hymn singing at the weekend Masses and other various Masses.

Adult Choir: Anyone high school age and up, who can sing, is welcome to join the Adult Choir. It is not necessary to read music to be in the choir. Our rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 from September until mid-June. The Adult Choir usually sings one Sunday a month as well as most principal liturgical celebrations.

Junior Choir: The Junior Choir is comprised of children in grades 2 through 8 who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish and/or who are students of St. Teresa of Calcutta School. Our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 8:45 until 9:30. The Junior Choir sings at one of the weekend Masses approximately 6 times a year. Rehearsals are not held weekly year round. They are held on 3 or 4 Sundays prior to the scheduled Masses.

Choral Ensemble: The Choral Ensemble is made up of 10-12 members who sing for various weekend Masses. It is preferable that members of this group can read music. The schedule for the Ensemble varies to accommodate the group.

First Friday Group: The First Friday Group is a contemporary guitar ensemble that sings for the 7:00 PM Mass on First Fridays. They also sing on occasion for the weekend Masses. Rehearsal times vary depending on the scheduled Masses.

Requiem Choir: The Requiem Choir is made up of singers who are available in the mornings or early afternoons to sing for parish funerals. Rehearsals are held October through June on the first Wednesday of the month from 9:00-9:45 AM.

School Choir: Students of St. Teresa of Calcutta School in grades 2 and 3 are invited to participate in the School Choir. The School Choir rehearses on Tuesdays after school from 2:45 until 3:30.

Instrumentalists: Anyone who plays a musical instrument is invited to share their talents either as a soloist or with an ensemble. This includes woodwind, brass, and string instrumentalists as well as guitarists & keyboard players. Rehearsal times vary depending on the scheduled Masses.

If you would like to become involved with any of our music programs at the Basilica, please contact the parish office or email Jody at songbird62@embarqmail.com to set up an audition.

Psalm 98:4-6 – Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!