



# Cantors

## Schedule

### When are the cantors singing?

#### Weekend Cantor Schedule.

The cantors lead in songs for the Saturday 4 pm and the Sunday 9 masses and, in the future for the 11 am mass.

#### Holy Days and Special Celebrations.

Cantors lead in songs for all Holy Days during the year: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Mary Mother of God, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Triduum (Holy Week, Easter Vigil). Easter Day masses are also regular Weekend masses (Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 9 am and 11 am), Ascension Thursday, All Saints, Thanksgiving etc...

#### Special Celebrations.

Cantors are also present for special celebrations, such as First Communion and Confirmation, Installations, Thanksgiving etc... Those celebrations are usually bilingual celebrations.

#### School Celebrations: Friday Mass

The School Friday Mass (Friday at 8:30 am) does not use cantors. The school children's choir sing for that mass and one or two students lead the assembly in songs. They will announce and lead the assembly in singing hymns and songs. They also lead the assembly in singing the Gospel Acclamation as well as the Lamb of God.

For reasons of timing, other parts of the mass are typically not sung (Kyrie, Gloria Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen). *Unless the school mass falls on a Feast, there will only be two readings and the Gloria will not be sung.*

## Other School Celebrations.

In some instances, adult cantors will be asked to lead in songs for a school celebration.

## Youth Cantoring:.

It is our hope that in a future elementary and high school cantors will be recruited and trained, especially for school and youth masses.

## Rehearsals.

All cantors rehearse with the choir they belong to

Thursday at 7:15 pm and Sunday at 8:15 am for the cantors who are part of the 9:00 am traditional choir, and Saturday at 4:00 pm for the cantors who are part of the Vigil Choir.

*During preparation for Christmas and Easter, extra rehearsal time may be requested for cantors..*



## (Cantoring Schedule and Notes)

### Notes on particularities for each celebration

**Cantors for masses on Saturday 4 pm, Sunday morning 9 am and 11 am:**

**We will sometimes have double-cantoring, either to help newer cantors to train alongside a more seasoned cantor or when the celebration requires it.**

### Particularities for each mass:

**4 pm:** This is the mass where the 5:30 Vigil Choir sings. It is a contemporary mass, with a mixed repertoire of traditional and Christian contemporary music (Praise and Worship). If the cantor is also an instrumentalist (guitar, mandolin or other), he/she will proclaim the Psalm from the ambo as required. For the rest of the mass, he/she will announce the hymns and songs from his/her positions. Other members of the choir will lead the assembly in gesture. If the cantor is capable and willing of doing it, he/she will be asked sometimes to sing a solo when appropriate (before mass, during communion or post-communion meditation).

**9 am:** It is a mass when sings the traditional choir sings. The choir will sometimes sing an anthem or canticle prior to mass, or during communion or meditation. In some cases, cantors may be asked to solo.

**11 am:** This is the mass where the Contemporary Choir sings. The repertoire is mixed with repertoire being mostly from the 70s to now.

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**Important (see also specific documents on cantoring on this site):**

Cantors are expected to prepare their ministry at home. This means studying the music ahead of time when possible. Especially of importance is the Psalm for the week as well as the Gospel Acclamation. The greater part of the psalm settings sung throughout the year are found in the *Respond and Acclaim, Spirit & Song* and *The Living Church Acclaims* books. However, for some masses different setting of the psalms of the day will be used instead. Please, listen to the music for the Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and also other songs if you are not familiar with it. Usually, a link to YouTube is provided. When feasible, the recording will also be provided.