

Other Musical Opportunities

Resurrection Choir

This group of singers, many of whom are also in one of the other choirs, provides the music ministry at our parish funerals and memorial liturgies. Any adult singer or instrumentalist whose schedule permits flexibility on some weekday and Saturday mornings is welcome and invited. Practices usually take place prior to each individual funeral. Contact Jessica Koch for more information.

Cantor Ministry

This ministry is open to advanced-level singers who wish to expand their ministry by leading the gathered Sunday assembly in song and prayer. Music reading ability is *strongly* recommended, and an audition is required. Training and formation will be provided. For those who have never served as cantors before, it is recommended that they spend at least a few months as a member of the Choir or Ensemble before beginning in the Cantor ministry.

Instrumentalists

Do you play an instrument and want to get involved in parish music-making? Contact Ann or Jessica to see if there's a way we can help you offer your gifts!



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Music Ministries at SJC



Music for Children

Youth Choir (Grades 4-8), under the direction of Mrs. Jessica Koch, meets on **Thursdays** from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the **church**.

Cherub Choir (Grades 1-3), under the direction of Mrs. Ann Bourjaily-Maney, meets on **Wednesdays** from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the **church**.

Rehearsals usually begin in mid-September. Each group performs once monthly at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Information and registration packets are distributed at the first rehearsal and can be filled out at that time or brought the next week. Students are welcome to join at any time throughout the season; please contact one of the directors if your child would like to join.

*For more information on **Cherub Choir** and **Youth Choir**, contact directors:*

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Music for Teens

Worship and Praise Choir

St. John's teen/young adult choir ministers on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month** at the **5:00p.m. Sunday liturgy**. The choir is for 8th graders up to young adults. Rehearsals take place at 4:00p.m. directly before the liturgy.

The music is contemporary in nature and includes keyboard, percussion, bass guitar, guitar, and other instruments.

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Interested? Try it! The commitment can be as much or little as fits your schedule.

***“They who sing
pray twice!”***

-St. Augustine

Music for Adults

Parish Choir

This group of about 40 singers rehearses once a week on **Wednesday nights** and ministers each **Sunday** at the **10:45 a.m. Mass**. The Parish Choir sings music in a mix of styles from traditional hymns to Renaissance polyphony and Classical music. Some music reading ability is helpful, but it is not required.

Contemporary Ensemble

This group of about 20 members combines voices, guitar, piano, flute, and other potential instruments in music of varying styles, focusing on the contemporary music of the Church. The Ensemble rehearses on **Thursday evenings** and sings at the **Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass**. Instrumentalists should have good music-reading skills; for singers, reading ability is helpful but not required.

These two choirs, ages 16+, rehearse and sing each week from September to May. Those interested in joining may contact:

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