

St. Luke Choral Ministry at the 11:30am Sunday Mass

The role of choirs has been always special in the Roman liturgy. All the liturgy documents, even the earliest refer to the role of the choir. But, the role has changed over the last 50 years from one of exclusively singing for the people to one of singing with the people and enhancing the people's prayer.

The choir is a group of dedicated singers who wish to praise the Lord in a special way. The choir supports the congregation in song, never taking the place of full congregational singing, but rather enabling and complimenting it. There are times the choir can add another dimension to the music of the Mass. For instance, the choir can sing the verses of the "Glory to God" or the psalm with harmony, while the congregation joins in the refrain. Sometimes the choir sings alone in a special choral piece that inspires the congregation in prayer. The choir can add to congregational singing also through use of harmony, descants and special arrangements that add excitement and joy to our hymns.

All of this requires people who are willing to devote some time and effort and in return receive the special blessings of service – increased prayer life, Christian fellowship, and the enjoyment of just singing!

Information about the 11:30am Sunday Mass Choir:

This Choir was one of the first organizations to form when the parish began. The Choir met for the first time October 8, 1959

The Choir sings Sunday at the 11:00am Mass and rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the church. We also meet before Mass in the St. Joseph's room to warm up. During the summer months of June, July and August we forego Wednesday rehearsals and practice only on Sundays.

It isn't necessary to read music to be a choir member. In fact many of our Choir members don't read music. They simply have the ability to carry a tune and catch on in rehearsal. All members have a desire to pray and share their prayer with our community.

You don't have to have a solo quality voice to sing in the choir. When several voices sing they blend together and we are not dependent on the quality of individual voices. Don't be hesitant about joining because you don't think you are "good enough".

The Choir is not just for adults! Anyone high school age or above is welcome!

Come join us! We need voices in all sections. Come by rehearsal some Wednesday night and try us out or just come at the 11:30am Mass and let the Choir director know you are interested. Adult Choir Director – Bob McAdams, home telephone number 492-5436.

Instrumentalists

We are in need of additional instrumentalists – guitarist, flutists, violinist, brass players, etc. If you play an instrument and want to serve God's people in the liturgy – let us know! Call Bob McAdams at 492-5436 and let him know what instrument you play and when you are available.