

ST. CECILIA MUSIC MINISTRY

Praising God through a wide array of musical genres, multiple languages, and dynamic vocal ensembles, St. Cecilia Catholic Church's Music Ministry consists of vibrant and committed musicians, who provide leadership, encouragement and support to all who worship at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Tustin, California.

Celebrating our diverse cultures, we are collectively grounded in our Roman Catholic faith as we incorporate the finest traditional, cultural and contemporary works into our music ministry. As our Patroness St. Cecilia – the Patron Saint of Music – calls us, we provide musical guidance to enhance the liturgy in service to our parishioners. Our goal is to promote participation through songs, hymns, psalms, mass parts and anthems and to inspire those called to serve through music ministry.

St. Cecilia's Choirs and Ensembles:

St. Cecilia Chorale

St. Cecilia Catholic Church engages two dozen singers in its classical choir, leading music at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses, September through June. The choir also leads the music for Holy Days, special liturgies, concerts and other events as needed. The group is comprised of singers of all ages and levels of experience. Accompanied by piano and singing a Capella, the choir presents a wide variety of music. There is no particular experience required; however singers must be able to match pitch. At this time, the St. Cecilia Chorale rehearses seasonally, preparing for important liturgical events such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. If interested in joining, please contact the church office at (714) 544-3250. St. Cecilia's Schola Cantorum is comprised of eight auditioned members of the larger choir and rehearses as needed at mutually agreed upon times.

Youth Ensemble

St. Cecilia's vibrant Youth Ensemble welcomes young singers ages 9 – 18 years. The ensemble leads music at the 11 a.m. Family Masses on the first and third Sundays of every month, September through May. The ensemble rehearses weekly in age-specific groups: singers in grades 4 through 6 rehearse from 4-5 p.m. on Thursdays immediately preceding the assigned Masses and singers in grades 7 and up rehearse every other Friday from 4-5 p.m. As appropriate, the groups learn age-specific music and perform independently of each other, however all ages join to lead the Sunday Masses. Special events take place throughout the year, such as our Youth Talent Showcase, Cantor Training, Summer Choir Camp, Choristers Guild Festivals, and caroling, as well as seasonal celebrations for all singers! Please contact Teri Schulist at schulist@cox.net for more information.

Spanish Music Ministry

The Hispanic Community at St. Cecilia celebrates Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Music is provided by several small ensembles, each utilizing the instrumental and vocal talents of the ensemble's membership. Please contact Maricela Moran at rodmoran16@yahoo.com for more information.

Vietnamese Music Ministry

St. Cecilia's Vietnamese Choir sings at the 6:30 p.m. Saturday Masses and at other festive liturgies, central to the Vietnamese community. Please contact Kimyen Hong at hongyen@hotmail.com for information.

Filipino Choir

The Filipino Community at St. Cecilia leads music at the 11 a.m. Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings. For more information, please contact Elena Casanova at elena-ma@cox.net.

4:12 Music Ministry

A contemporary ensemble, comprised of members of St. Cecilia's 4:12 Youth Ministry, leads the music at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass. Preparing a variety of contemporary selections, the ensemble rehearses before Mass. For more information, please contact Lam Le at lam.kn.le@gmail.com.

Music Ministry for the Masses:

- Saturday 5:00 p.m. English Vigil Mass – Piano and cantor
- Saturday 6:30 p.m. Vietnamese Vigil Mass – Vietnamese Choir

- Sunday 7:30 a.m. English Mass – Piano and cantor
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. English Mass – St. Cecilia Chorale
- Sunday 11:00 a.m. English Mass – Youth Ensemble – 1st and 3rd, Filipino Choir – 4th, St. Cecilia School Choir – select 2nd Sundays.
- Sunday 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass – Spanish Ensembles (various)
- Sunday 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass – 4:12 Youth Ministries Ensemble
- Sunday 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass – Spanish Ensembles (various)

For information regarding music for funerals, weddings, and any other needs, please contact the church office at (714) 544-3250.