



Youth Choir

Winter 2017

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From the Sacred Music Program booklet:

The Youth Choir rehearses seasonally in St. Thomas More church and sings at various liturgies throughout the year. The Youth Choir allows young singers (ages 7-15) at our parish to participate musically in the life of the church. Musical expression can foster in children transcendent experiences, strengthening their belief in God's presence and steadfast love. Music can be a profound entrance into a rich spiritual life. Participation in the choir offers our youth a deeper understanding of the liturgies of the church, strengthening the values they learn in the Religious Education Program.

The Youth Choir will work to help our young people serve their church family in the liturgical life of the parish. The choral experience offers youth the chance to develop their musical skills, but more importantly it fosters a spirituality of selfless humility, patience, and teamwork. New members are welcome at any time! Prior musical experience welcomed but not required.

Information for Parents

What?

St. Thomas More Sacred Music is inviting the youth of our parish to sing in our seasonal Christmas Youth Choir. The choir will be under the direction of our Director of Sacred Music, Mr. Colton Martin, and will provide music for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve liturgy this December (2017).

Who?

Young men and women ages 7-15 are encouraged to join this choir. There is no formal audition, but the choristers will be expected to attend most scheduled practices as well as the Christmas Eve 5:00pm liturgy at St. Thomas More church.

When?

There will be a total of 4 rehearsals beginning 4:30pm - Thursday, November 30 culminating in providing music for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve liturgy at St. Thomas More church. Rehearsals will be held at St. Thomas More church in the main church. Each rehearsal will be 1 hour in length.

Choristers will be expected to arrive 1 hour prior to Christmas Eve Mass to allow for sufficient time to warm-up and prepare for the liturgy. The following is a list of the dates rehearsals will be held:

Thursday, Nov 30	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday, Dec 07	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday, Dec 14	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday, Dec 21	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Sunday, Dec 24	4:00pm <i>call time</i>
“	5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

What kind of music will my son/daughter be singing?

All selection of music is left to the discretion of the director. You can expect your son/daughter to sing any or all of the following forms of music:

- Well-known Christmas Hymns (such as Silent Night, Joy to the World, etc.)
- Ordinaries of the Mass (i.e.: Glory to God, Lamb of God, etc.)
- Select Chants in English/Latin (e.g.: *In Splendoribus Sanctorum*)
- Other music at discretion of the director

Where do I find more information?

If you have more questions, please contact Colton Martin at sacredmusic@moremercy.org.*

*Please Note: If you are interested in getting involved with the Christmas Youth Choir, please contact the director through the email address above no later than Friday, November 24. Thank you!

