

Organist/Accompanist [1]

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

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Summary:

St. Cecilia Catholic Church, located in the Memorial City area west of Houston, seeks a qualified organist/keyboardist to serve as principal Organist for the parish, accompanying three Sunday morning Masses and one choir rehearsal each week, as well as holy days. Music is an integral part of the life of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, and varieties of styles from traditional hymnody to contemporary compositions are part of the repertoire (Gather 3 Hymnal). Therefore, the creative use of both organ and piano is expected. This individual reports to the Director of Liturgy and Music.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will show competence as a keyboard player (organ and piano) and in accompanying choir, cantor and congregation in such a way as to support congregational singing and participation. Experience in a similar position in a Roman Catholic Church and formal training are highly desired.

Primary duties:

- Accompany three Sunday morning Masses each weekend, including necessary warm-up/rehearsal time preceding each service: 7:30 am (with Cantor), 9:00 am (with Children's Choir) and 11:00 am (with Adult Choir)
- Accompany other liturgical services throughout the year, including holy days of obligation, sacramental celebrations, and the Paschal Triduum.
- Select and play solo organ and piano repertoire appropriate to the liturgy.
- Accompany one 2-hour rehearsal weekly (Wednesday 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm/September-May) with the adult choir, as well as other scheduled rehearsals for this ensemble (rare).
- Prepare in advance and to a professional standard, accompaniments for choir and congregational music selected by the Director for rehearsals and liturgies.
- Advise the Director of any matters pertaining to maintenance of the church's organ and pianos.

Other notes:

- This individual must be available to play for evening Masses on Christmas Eve (including Midnight Mass), morning Masses on Christmas Day, Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, Holy Saturday evening (Easter Vigil), and morning Masses on Easter and Pentecost.
- The person in this position will have right of first refusal for all weddings celebrated in English, and all funerals when the regular funeral organist is not available.
- The person in this position may express interest in accompanying the weekly Children's Choir Rehearsal and the All-school Mass (Tuesday 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm and Friday 8:15 am respectively when school is in session.)
- Negotiation of responsibilities between the principal and secondary organist is possible.

Interested candidates please submit resume to Andrew Meinen at ameinen@saintcecilia.org, with "Organist" in the subject line.