

Principal Accompanist/Organist St. Cecilia Catholic Church

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Summary:

St. Cecilia Catholic Church, a 3500-family parish located in the Memorial City area west of Houston, seeks a qualified keyboardist to serve as principal accompanist, accompanying two 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 (piano and organ) 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 two Sunday morning Masses each weekend, including necessary warm-up/rehearsal time preceding each service: 8:00 am (with cantor) and 10:00 am (with cantor, Adult Choir, or Children's 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
- 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 Masses at Christmas (including Midnight Mass), Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), and morning Masses on Easter Sunday
- The person in this position will have right of first refusal for all weddings and funerals celebrated in English
- The person in this position may express interest in accompanying the weekly Children's Choir Rehearsal and the All-school Mass (Wednesday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:15 am respectively when school is in session)

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