

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Music Ministry**

**YOUTH CHOIR HANDBOOK
WINTER/SPRING 2020**

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Rehearsals

Rehearsals are generally held weekly (September to May) from 4:30 to 5:30pm in OLPH School, Room 16. We begin and end on-time so we appreciate the children being there ready to go at 4:30. If there is a specific reason for a regular lateness, please let us know. If rehearsal is moved to the church, we will use the side door closest to the rectory.

Please have your child use the bathroom before rehearsal. We have a very limited amount of time to get through all the music.

At the end of rehearsal, children are dismissed to the parking lot between the school and the rectory. Please come to the door of the school to pick up your child. We should have a note in advance if someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up the child.

Mass

Singers are asked to arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start of Mass, unless a different “call time” is announced. They put their robes on in the north sacristy and then gather there for last minute announcements or instructions. While we do wear choir robes for Mass, the singers still should be dressed appropriately for Mass. Please no jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops, etc.

The back door of the north sacristy will no longer be used as an entrance. For security reasons, it will be used as an emergency exit only. Choir members should use one of the entrances to the church.

There are occasions where we will sing in the choir loft. Sometimes, because of space limitations and possible later ending times, we have to limit who can sing. Limitations will be announced in advance.

Talking and misbehaving during Mass and concerts are not acceptable. If we feel any singers are being distracting to the other choir members, we may ask them to sit with their family members for the remainder of Mass/concert.

Special Events

There are special liturgies and concerts that the choir sings for throughout the year. Singing for Advent Lessons and Carols (early December), Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery (about two weeks before Easter) and our Spring Concert (end of May/early June) is an important part of our ministry. Please be sure to consult the annual calendar and take special note of these dates.

Please take note of dress requirements for the following events:

Advent Lessons and Carols and Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery

- Solid black top and bottom (skirt, slacks or solid black dress)
- Black dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

Spring Concert

- Solid pastel top (yellow, pink, blue, ...)
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass, Pentecost Vigil Mass, Confirmation

- Solid red top
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

If the cost of these dress items presents a difficulty, please do not hesitate to let us know. We can work something out 😊.

Cell Phone Use

The use of cell phones for phone calls or texting during rehearsals or Mass is not allowed.

Communication

Please let us know if your child will be absent or will be late to a rehearsal or Mass. Feel free to email, call or text. Communication is very important. We will do our best to communicate any last-minute changes to you via email or by text message via the Remind app.

Sickness and Germs

If your singer is not feeling well, please do not have them come to rehearsal or Mass. Germs are spread easily in choirs because everyone is in close proximity to one another.

Inclement weather

If parish events are cancelled, we will not meet. If you don't feel safe driving, don't come. We will email if rehearsal is cancelled.

Parish Website

Check the parish website www.olphlindhurst.com for updates. We also have a Music Ministry Facebook page – “Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry”.

Winter/Spring 2020 Schedule

Sunday, January 5	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, January 9	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, January 12	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, January 16	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Thursday, January 23	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, January 26	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, January 30	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, February 2	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, February 6	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, February 9	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, February 13	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, February 16	10:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, February 26	7:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Prayer Service
Thursday, February 27	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, March 1	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, March 5	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, March 8	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, March 12	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, March 15	10:00am Mass
Thursday, March 19	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Thursday, March 26	7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Rehearsal in church
Friday, March 27	7:30 p.m. Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery (<i>special dress</i>)
Sunday, March 29	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, April 2	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Saturday, April 4	3:30 p.m. Rehearsal in church, 5:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (<i>special dress</i>)
Tuesday, April 7	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Thursday, April 9	7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Sunday, April 12	9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass (<i>note early time</i>)
Thursday, April 23	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, April 26	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, April 30	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Saturday, May 2	10:15 a.m. First Communion Mass
Sunday, May 3	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, May 7	7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Rehearsal for concert in church
Saturday, May 9	10:15 a.m. First Communion Mass, 7:30 p.m. Concert (<i>special dress</i>)
Thursday, May 14	6:45 p.m. Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Taize Prayer around the Cross (church)
Sunday, May 17	10:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, May 21	4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday, May 24	10:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday, June 14	10:00 a.m. Mass and Eucharistic Procession



St. Cecilia

Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Church Music
230 A.D.

*Holy Cecilia, Heroic martyr
who stayed faithful to Jesus, your divine bridegroom,
Give us faith to rise above our persecutors
and to see in them the image of our Lord.
We know that you were a musician,
and we are told that you heard angels sing.
Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people
by filling the air with God's gift of music,
and reminding them of the Divine Musician
who created all beauty. Amen.*



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