

# Cantor Instructions

Thank you for sharing your gift of song with our parish. The Cantor is an integral part of the liturgy that directly aids in the community's prayers. As a cantor it is your role to lead the community in lifting their hearts, minds and souls to the creator of Heaven and Earth through our sacrifice of praise in song. Your leadership of the hymns and praises that we as a community offer to our High King Jesus is necessary and greatly appreciated. To aid you in your experience we have included the following instructions.

## *Before Mass*

- The church secretary will email a list of dates and times in which cantors are required to sing and the cantors will inform her of the times they are available. The church secretary will coordinate the schedule and inform the cantors when she has scheduled them.
- Each week the music that has been chosen will be available in the ushers room in the Cantor Folder.
- Prior to the weekend you are scheduled to cantor, meet with the accompanist in order to practice the music.
- If you cannot fulfill your assigned Masses, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and inform the accompanist.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass.
- If you will not be singing the Responsorial Psalm inform the lector so they can proclaim it.
- When Father is ready to begin the procession, read the welcome and introduce the Opening song.

## *Liturgy of the Word*

- Announce and lead the Opening song.
- If it is a Sunday or a Solemnity, lead the congregation in the Gloria.
- If you will be singing the Responsorial Psalm after the first reading, approach the sanctuary and bow to the altar. Enter the sanctuary and go to the Ambo and sing the psalm.
- After the second reading go to the lectern and sing the Gospel Acclamation.

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

- During the preparation of the Altar and the presentation of the Gifts announce and lead the congregation in the Offertory song.
- Lead the congregation in the following responses:
  - Holy Holy Holy

- The Mystery of Faith
- Amen
- Lamb of God
- Recite Prayer of Spiritual Communion
- This Is Jesus
- Announce and lead the Communion song.
- When Father sits down, after communion, read the announcements.
- Announce and lead the Closing song.

Thank you for being a Cantor. It is truly a blessing to have you enter into the mass in such an important fashion. May God bless you and all those you love abundantly!