

Welcome to the PSP Adult Choir!

The Choir's Roles/Ministries

The primary role of the choir is to support the singing of the entire assembly at the liturgy in the worship of our loving God. The choir's secondary role is to sing choral music for the assembly, creating beauty and the opportunity for listening, rejoicing and reflection. Another minor but important role of the choir is to perform in concerts which can evangelize the community and provide an opportunity to give the gift of beauty and joy. Our ministry comes from our call as baptized members of the Body of Christ. Another important part of our ministry is to be caring and supportive of one another. Many friendships have begun in and been deepened and strengthened by participation in the ministry of the Adult Choir.

Rehearsals

The Adult Choir rehearsals are Thursdays, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, approximately September through June. There are occasional changes/exceptions, communicated ahead of time. In the weeks right before Christmas or Easter we may go until 9:30 PM.

Liturgies

On most Sundays the Adult Choir sings at the 9:00 AM liturgy. Members are expected to be in the music area by 8:30 AM to allow time for warm-up, preparation, and sound check. There are occasional changes/exceptions, communicated ahead of time. The Choir also sings for the annual parish Christmas Concert, for the liturgies of Holy Week, and for occasional other special events.

Attendance

The minimum attendance expected for continuing membership in the Adult Choir is 80% of all services (rehearsals, liturgies, concerts), averaged over time. Consistent

attendance is especially important at rehearsals because we rely on the cumulative effect of several rehearsals for much of the music we sing. In other words, it is not merely a case of "rehearsing this Sunday's music on this Thursday".

It may be helpful to think of the Choir as a team sport and the director as the coach. If a team member who plays a certain position (sings a certain voice part) is absent from a practice, then the team (the choir) will be less prepared for the game (ministry at liturgy) and the experience of the other team members will not be as positive as it should be.

Choir members are expected to make a serious commitment to this ministry and to miss only for the most serious reasons (like contagious illness).

Communication

From you to me:

Please let me know by e mail

dominic@padreserra.org or phone call **805.482.6417 ext 327** if you have to miss any services, as far ahead of time as possible. Also, let me know what I can do to make your experience with the Choir a positive one.

From me to you:

A schedule of all our services from now through the end of this ministry year will be provided to you. I will also send out weekly music ministry e mails with schedule reminders, music lineups for the coming weekend and other useful information. Please get in the habit of checking your e mail daily. I will make every effort to communicate clearly and as far ahead of time as possible when there are changes or exceptions to the schedule or the normal "routine".