

OLA Music Ministry Information

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish ~ Carmichael, California ~ www.olaparish.net



Do you like to sing and/or do you play an instrument? Are you interested in participating in a liturgical ministry? If so, the OLA Music Ministry may be for you! **You are invited to consider participating in any of the music ensembles at the following Mass times: 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday, 11:00 am Sunday, and 7:30 pm Sunday.** *Please see the back of this flyer for a list of questions for discernment.* Participation in music ministry is a big commitment, but it's also incredibly rewarding. Our adult music ministry welcomes everyone from high school age to age 100+! We also have a youth choir/ensemble and liturgical music leadership program for students in 3rd grade – 12th grade.

We have a general weekly music ministry rehearsal, usually on Wednesday nights, at 7:00 pm in the church. Our youth choir/ensemble has four sessions during the school year, and rehearsals are at 6:00 pm in the church most Wednesdays when in session.

We also have set arrival times before each Mass. Commitment to arriving at the specified arrival time is very important. This gives us time to organize our seating and standing arrangements, and it also allows for some rehearsal time, sound checks, and a prayerful music prelude before each Mass.

Arrival times for ensembles for weekend Masses are as follows:

5:00 pm Saturday Mass ensemble- *arrival time 4:30 pm*

9:30 am Sunday Mass ensemble- *arrival time 9:05 am*

11:00 am Sunday Mass ensemble- *arrival time 10:35 am*

7:30 pm Sunday Mass ensemble- *arrival time 6:45 pm*

Please contact Casey Oliver, OLA Music Director, at (916) 481-5115 or at worship@olaparish.net for more information. All are welcome!!!

Discernment questions to ask yourself when considering joining the OLA Music Ministry...

- **Can I make the commitment to sing/play for the Mass I choose to attend on a regular basis?**
- **Can I be at church ready to sing/play at the assigned arrival time for the Mass I want to participate in?**
- **Can I attend scheduled music ministry rehearsals? If I have a conflict, will I be able to coordinate with the music director and the musicians I will be working with to make sure I am prepared?**
- **Do I have sufficient time to independently practice the assigned songs as needed during the week and be ready to sing/play them for Mass?**
- **Can I sing on pitch, stay on the beat, or do I have mastery of my instrument?**
- **Can I listen to others in the choir and blend in?**
- **Am I open to feedback? How sensitive am I? Can I adapt and change what I am doing (or what I want to do) when asked?**
- **Why do I want to do this? What are my goals?**

The OLA Music Ministry strives to engage everyone at Mass, including the faithful who attend every week and visitors who come to our church on a particular weekend. Our music must be inspirational and prayerful. As music ministers, we have a great responsibility and also a great privilege. We do our best to achieve excellence in every piece of music we sing and play.

If you are willing to work hard, are open to feedback, and want to make beautiful music, the OLA Music Ministry is for you! Please consider joining us! Contact Casey Oliver, OLA Music Director, at (916) 481-5115 or at worship@olaparish.net for more information.

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