

**POSITION:** School Choir Director for Holy Rosary School and Parish Youth Choir Director for Holy Rosary Catholic Church

**LOCATION:** Holy Rosary Church & School, Edmonds WA

**DESCRIPTION:** Holy Rosary Catholic Church and School have a commitment to excellence in liturgy and music education. An important part of that is cultivating choral music opportunities for our community. The current Middle School Choir includes approximately 25 students in grades 6-8. We desire to establish an after-school elementary-aged choir for grades 3-5. Additionally, we desire to establish a Parish Youth Choir for parish-affiliated students in grades 3-12.

**Immediate goals**

- To continue the Middle School Choir for grades 6-8. o 3 one-hour middle school classes per week
- School Mass ministry on Friday mornings o Advent and Spring concerts and performance festivals
- To establish an Intermediate Grade Choir for grades 3-5.
- To establish a Parish Youth Choir open to all parish children, whether they attend public, private, parochial or home school.
- To offer quality instruction which helps the choristers develop their voices with a healthy singing technique as well as their music-reading skills.
- To incorporate training in the liturgy of the Church utilizing a wide range of historical music from Gregorian chant through the best of contemporary choral music.
- To help develop leadership skills by scheduling monthly participation at one of the parish weekend Masses for each of the school and parish ensembles.
- To help develop student cantors from the middle and high school singers.

**Long-term goals**

- To develop a sequentially graded parish choir program with ensembles for grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 to enable age-appropriate vocal development, music-reading, part-singing and choice of choral literature.
- To incorporate a Handbell Choir for grades 5-8.
- To incorporate youth instrumentalists who have more advanced training in piano and orchestral instruments.
- Encourage outstanding young pianists to receive training in playing the pipe organ.

**Qualifications for the Youth Choir Director**

- Must have a love of the Catholic faith and its liturgy, and an enthusiasm and affection for children, excellent communication skills, and a collaborative spirit.
- Minimum Bachelor's degree in music, with specialization in music education and choral pedagogy; keyboard proficiency preferred.
- Background in Catholic liturgy and willingness for further study.
- Membership in professional organizations such as Chorister's Guild, American Choral Directors Association, National Pastoral Musicians, Washington Music Educators Association.
- Must be available Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Easter weekend.

**Proposed Schedule:**

- Sunday: 8:30-10a (1X month Mass ministry) and 6:00-8:00p (1X quarter youth ministry praise and worship night)
- Monday 1:00-3:00p grades 3-5 after school choir

- Tuesday 1:30-3:00p grades 6-8 school choir
- Wednesday 1:30-3:00p grades 6-8 school choir and 6:00-8:00p Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 1:30-3:00 p grades 6-8 school choir
- Friday 8:00-9:30a School Mass ministry

The position will average 12 hours per week, including rehearsals for all three ensembles. We hope to see the hourly involvement expand as the program grows.

Start date is mid-August 2020. Hourly pay rate to be determined based upon experience and qualifications.

**CONTACT:** Applicants should forward a cover letter and resume to Susan Venable:  
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<https://www.applitrack.com/seattlearch/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>