

Our Lady of the Atonement Parish Choirs 2021-2022



Parents and families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 season for our Parish Choirs! Exciting times await us as we revive the Parish Music Series this year, with some additions to our schedule. If your child has not been a member of our choirs in the past, I hope they will consider joining us this year. Membership in our choirs is open to any child in the parish who is of age for their appropriate ensemble. There is no fee to participate!

About our program

The parish of Our Lady of the Atonement has long been home to beautiful and reverent worship, augmented by the sacred music of the choirs and organ. Our Anglo-Catholic patrimony offers us two rich liturgical and musical traditions to draw from; that of the Roman Catholic Church alongside that of the Anglican Church.

Choirs

❖ St. Augustine Treble Choir

- **Wednesday, 3:30-4:15**
- For singers in grades 3-6
- For beginner and intermediate singers
- Will perform unison, two-part, and three-part repertoire

❖ St. Cecilia Mixed Choir

- **Wednesday, 4:30-5:30**
- For singers in grades 7-12
- For intermediate and advanced singers
- May occasionally split to sing as boys and girls separately

The choirs rotate together in providing music for the 9:00am Sunday mass and for special events throughout the year, such as Choral Evensong and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. On Sundays when they are scheduled, singers are expected to report to the choir room ready to sing by 8:30am. **Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 25.** Anytime school is not in session with The Atonement Catholic Academy, the choir will not rehearse (e.g., Spring Break).

Choral Evensong

This year, we will be resuming our Choral Evensong services, that is the singing of Evening Prayer. These will occur every first Sunday of the month, at 4pm. All our parish choirs will cycle through singing for evensong, and it will always be a day where that choir did not sing for mass. There is a 5:00pm said mass (no music) to follow, should you like to attend in the evening on the days your singer has Evensong. Choristers are not required to stay for the 5pm mass, as our commitment is only for the Evensong.

Attendance

The degree of beauty that is produced by the choirs and rate of progress depends greatly on each singer's participation. While occasional absences are expected due to illness or family obligations, frequent absences are not acceptable and may result in dismissal from the choir. All absences should be communicated to Mr. Oliveros, the director, as soon as possible. While athletic competitions are to be encouraged, commitment to the choir should have equal priority. As such, students are expected to attend rehearsals and masses unless there is a game. Singers will be excused if they are scheduled as altar servers and are not able to find a replacement.

I look forward to meeting all of you in my first full year here at Our Lady of the Atonement and working with your children. As an alumnus of the Academy and longtime parishioner, I have a special place in my heart for this wonderful place and the music we make here. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

In Christ,

Alejandro Oliveros
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OLA Schedule of choirs for Mass and Evensong

* denotes Evensong done by Adult or Chamber Choirs

Date	Sunday	Mass Choir	Evensong
August 29	13 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
September 5	14 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	*
September 12	15 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Augustine	
September 19	16 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
September 26	17 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
October 3	18 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Augustine	*
October 10	19 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
October 17	20 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
October 24	21 st Sunday after Trinity	St. Augustine	
October 31	22 nd Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	
November 7	23 rd Sunday after Trinity	St. Cecilia	St. Augustine
November 14	24 th Sunday after Trinity	St. Augustine	
November 21	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	St. Cecilia	
November 28	First Sunday of Advent	St. Cecilia	
December 5	Second Sunday of Advent	St. Augustine	*
December 12	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	St. Cecilia	
December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Cecilia	
December 26	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	St. Augustine	
January 2nd	Epiphany	St. Cecilia	*
January 9th	Baptism of the Lord	St. Cecilia	
January 16th	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	St. Augustine	
January 23rd	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	St. Cecilia	
January 30th	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	St. Cecilia	
February 6th	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	St. Augustine	St. Cecilia
February 13th	Septuagesima	St. Cecilia	
February 20th	Sexagesima	St. Cecilia	
February 27th	Quinquagesima	St. Augustine	
March 6th	1 st Sunday of Lent	St. Cecilia	*
March 13th	2 nd Sunday of Lent	St. Cecilia	
March 20th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	St. Augustine	
March 27th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St. Cecilia	
April 3rd	5 th Sunday of Lent	St. Augustine	St. Cecilia
April 10th	Palm Sunday	St. Cecilia	
April 17th	Easter Sunday	St. Augustine	
April 24th	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	St. Cecilia	
May 1st	3 rd Sunday of Easter	St. Cecilia	St. Augustine
May 8th	4 th Sunday of Easter	St. Augustine	
May 15th	5 th Sunday of Easter	St. Cecilia	
May 22nd	6 th Sunday of Easter	St. Cecilia	
May 29th	7 th Sunday of Easter	St. Augustine	
June 5th	Pentecost	St. Cecilia	*

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Registration Form

In order for your child to participate in the OLA parish choirs, please complete and return this page to Mr. Oliveros. If your child attends The Atonement Catholic Academy, they will need to submit a "Parent Authorization and Direction for After School Arrangements" form to the front office in addition to the registration form.

For Parents

I, _____, have read and agree to all the regulations and expectations of the OLA Parish Choirs. I resolve to have my child attend all rehearsals and events in a prompt manner as stipulated above.

Signature

Date

For Chorister

I, _____, agree to comply with all the rules and regulations listed above. I will strive to achieve excellence in musicianship and collegiality within the Choir. Furthermore, I agree to be respectful to the Director, staff, and fellow choristers for the greater good of the Choir.

Signature

Date

Chorister Information

Chorister Name: _____

Grade in school: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

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