



Holy Spirit
Catholic Community



The Music Ministry Area

Why in the Psalms do we sing God's praises? It is simple really, thanksgiving! We give thanks to God for what he has given us. One of the gifts God has given us is the ability to joyfully make music! One of the ways we make music is through the official instrument of the Catholic Church, the organ. We are pleased to have a wonderful instrument in our Rogers Trillium 967 Digital Organ and we are just now starting to explore the unique in the round installation. We also use other instruments like the piano, drums, guitar, brass, woodwinds and strings.



However, the most important instrument in the church is the voice. The church tells us that the singing by the people who are assembled is so important that there should not be a Sunday mass without singing because singing reaches a level of spirituality that regular speaking cannot.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "Singing is a sign of the heart's joy...for this reason...great importance should be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the



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Mass." At a birthday party, we would not just recite "Happy Birthday" or during the 7th inning stretch at a ballgame, only say "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and it doesn't matter if a person can "carry a tune" or not. Singing is part of celebration. It creates a sense of the importance of the occasion. Imagine being at a retirement party and only saying "For he's a jolly good fellow." Singing lifts up the words we use and gives them a heightened dignity and beauty, often making them more memorable in the process. Singing also expresses and fosters the sense of unity among those gathered whether in worship or to celebrate an event. Singing is the primary way that a group of people can speak with one voice. It is also a way of praying, of giving thanks. I know I give thanks to God every day that I have a voice with which to sing!

