

All ministry volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS) every FIVE years per Archdiocese of Santa Fe policy. This comprehensive training that assists in creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults may be accessed on the Archdiocese website at www.archdiosf.org or through www.smdlp.org. Volunteers may also attend the training in person. Call the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office at (505) 831-8144 for training locations and dates.

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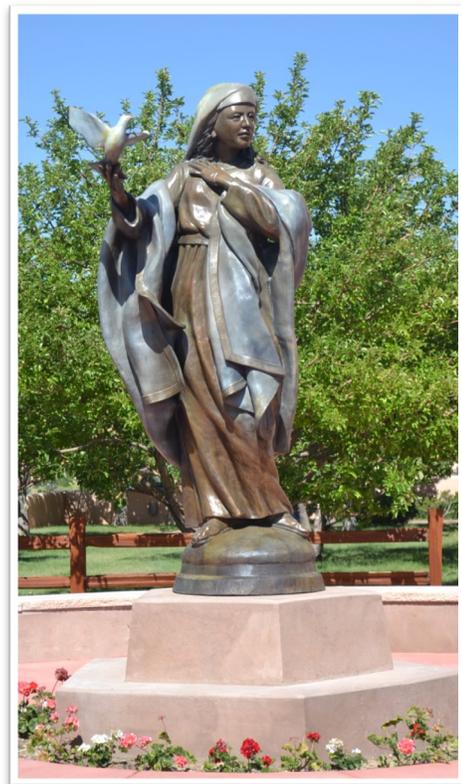


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MUSIC MINISTRY





HISTORY OF CATHOLIC MUSIC MINISTRY

In its early history, the Catholic Church inherited the Psalms of the Old Testament as the basic prayer and hymn book, a way of singing traditionally viewed as established by King David. During the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great systematized the Church's chant tradition into what is known as the Gregorian chant, and a "mere" 200 years later, the chant was enhanced by the sound of the pipe organ.

By contrast, much of today's Catholic liturgical music essentially developed after the Second Vatican Council and evolved from popular music which drew on a number of different styles and influences from contemporary society.

MUSIC AT SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ

At any of the weekend and Holy Day Masses at SMDLP, you may experience both traditional and contemporary songs accompanied by a number of different instruments. The Life Teen Mass, celebrated late Sunday afternoon, typically includes a lively blend of voice, guitars, piano and percussion and is geared toward those who prefer a very

contemporary music setting, including Christian rock music.

All of the Masses may include Spanish or bilingual songs in addition to English accompanied by piano, organ, guitar or wind instruments. Children are encouraged and invited to participate in the children's choir which sings on special occasions and is under the direction of Helen Quintana.

YES, YOU TOO CAN SING!

You may be surprised to learn that most of the singers in the choirs do not read music, never sang before as part of a choir, and are too shy to sing by themselves (unless it is in the shower!) But as a choir, they raise their voices in glorious praise to God and beautiful music comes forth. They all share a love of music, singing and the fellowship that comes from being part of a choir.



YOU ARE INVITED...

Consider this an open invitation to all who are interested in participating in this important ministry and all five choirs are delighted when new musicians or singers join them.

To inquire about joining any of the choirs, come visit any of the members before or after Mass.

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