



Assistant Organist - Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church

Job Summary

Our Lady of The Atonement Catholic Church seeks a highly qualified individual with excellent keyboard skills, as well as a desire to provide the highest quality accompanying, hymn-playing, and solo organ repertoire at liturgies and musical events. The qualified candidate will accompany parish choir rehearsals, assist with playing for the 9:00am & 11:00am Parish Masses each Sunday, play for the Sunday 6:00pm Latin Mass every other week and additional liturgies and performances as needed.

Principal Duties

- Prepare organ music as required (Sundays, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Solemnities, Music Series performances, etc.)
- Accompany choir rehearsals: Thursday 3:30-9:00pm (August through May)
- Assist in playing Masses: Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, and *6:00pm (*every other week)
- Additional liturgical duties include: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Solemnities which fall on a Holy Day of Obligation (e.g. Immaculate Conception-Dec. 8, Ascension-Thurs. of 6th wk. of Easter, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Aug.15, All Saints-Nov.1)
- Accompany and provide organ literature for designated Music Series Events: Opening Evensong (Sept.), Annual Requiem Evensong for All Souls (Nov.2 or 3), Annual Nine Lessons and Carols (mid-December), organ recitals, and other events at the discretion of the Parish Music Director
- Wedding, funeral, and summer chorister camp accompanying opportunities as assigned by the Director of Music
- Assist with maintaining the choral library, copying proper chants for each Sunday and Holy Day, and providing other administrative support for the music department and its events as needed

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in Music (emphasis in organ performance), equivalent AGO certification or experience
- Excellent accompanying, hymn-playing, and improvisation abilities
- High proficiency in sight-reading and strong musicianship skills
- Familiarity with Catholic liturgy
- Knowledge of Gregorian chant and Anglican chant will be taken into consideration
- Friendly, easy to work with, and highly responsible
- Must complete back-ground check and on-line Virtus training as required by the Ordinariate for working with children

Instruments

3-manual, 50 rank Casavant pipe organ and 1-manual, 7 rank Laukhuff organ (chapel)

Salary and Terms Summary

\$27,500-\$30,000 plus additional remuneration possible from weddings, funerals, and school Masses. Position is part-time (15 hrs./wk.) with two weeks annual paid vacation, arranged in consultation with the Parish Music Director. Start date is July 1, 2019.

Parish and School Background

Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church is the founding parish for the Anglican Use of the Roman Rite in the United States and is part of The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter based in Houston, TX. Liturgies follow the Divine Worship Missal. The parish music program, consisting of three children's choirs, a Latin Schola Choir, and one adult choir, has a well-established and ambitious tradition of sacred choral and liturgical music. Additionally, the Parish Music Series offers a vibrant array of sacred music events and liturgies, including an evensong series featuring both resident and guest choirs and organists. The parish school, the Atonement Academy, provides students Pre-K through Grade 12 with a challenging course of classical and Catholic education, within a choir-school-like environment. Students take part in daily School Mass with one of the ten choirs performing at each.

Application Process

Please email letter of interest, résumé, and references to [Dr. Jennifer Seighman](#), Parish Music Director & Organist, before May 31, 2019.