

# Children's Choir 2018-2019

## Things to Know

### Practice:

- Children's Choir practices most Saturdays from 10 to 11:15 am, usually in the church, but practice is subject to change. It is a good practice to check email prior to rehearsal/practice in case of necessary changes.
- There will be a Sign In/Sign Out Sheet at each practice. You or your children may sign in, but we need a parent signature at sign-out time. Parents are to meet their children in the Church, not in the parking lot or the Narthex. You will not disrupt practice by coming into the church at the end of practice – we need an audience! As a matter of fact, you are always welcome to stay and listen for the entire hour; I highly recommend you do if this is your child's first practice.
- We will begin practice promptly at 10 am. Please have your children use the restroom and get drinks prior to practice. They may bring water bottles (no soda or sugary drinks, please) to practice. Bathroom visits are often contagious, so the fewer the better!

### Mass:

- We sing at the 11 am Mass on the first and third Sundays of most months (subject to change and with the addition of certain feast days). Please plan to arrive early enough that your child is able to use the restroom, get a drink, and be in their seat by 10:45 in order to sing prelude music.
- We sit together in the choir area throughout the entire service. Feel free to sit close if you think your child might not make it through the entire Mass. I ask the children to stay in the choir area during the Sign of Peace to avoid commotion. The choir will go to communion as a group, either to receive the Body and Blood, or to receive a blessing.
- **Volunteers:** As in years past, we are asking for parent volunteers to help out during practices. As a safety requirement, we are required to have at least two adults present during every practice. Please consider volunteering to stay while the choir practices at least once a month. The parent volunteer will be present during practice, and will assist with restroom or drink breaks as required, and will assist with the Sign-Out Procedure at the end of practice.
- Volunteers working with children at St. James are required to attend a one-time "Protecting God's Children" class, as well as completing an application and background check. St. James will host a PGC class on September 13 at 6 pm. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer!

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