

2025 Candidate Search Organist and Director of Sacred Music

ABOUT HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

- We are the oldest Church in North Louisiana, founded 1856 in Shreveport (then the Diocese of Natchitoches; now the Diocese of Shreveport).
- Our church was constructed in 1896 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Our church contains the Minor Shrine of the Shreveport Martyrs.
 - During the 1873 Shreveport Yellow Fever Epidemic, Five Priests served the sick in our parish, including our founding pastor, Fr. John Pierre. During the 1873 Yellow Fever Epidemic, over 1,200 people perished.
 - In 2019, the Vatican declared *nihil obstat* for the Five Priests' Cause for Canonization, and they are now declared Servants of God – the first step toward sainthood.
 - A book entitled "[The Five Priest Martyrs of 1873: The Surest Path to Heaven](#)" has been published about their lives, and is now available in bookstores.
 - With the support of the LSUS Foundation, a full-length documentary film entitled "[The Five Priests](#)" has been released to rave reviews, even winning at the NY International Film Awards, the Europe Film Festival, the World Independent Cinema Awards in LA, and Five Laurels at the [Cannes International World Film Festival](#).
 - (Additional information is available on our [parish website](#) and at [Shreveport Martyrs](#))
 - The year 2023 marked the 150th anniversary of the Yellow Fever Epidemic. Many events were held – both religious and secular – to commemorate the historical milestone, including an EWTN live broadcast of our commemorative Mass and World Premiere of The Angels Gathered Symphony performed in our church.
- We have upgraded to the latest technology for all liturgy broadcasts, including high-definition video and crystal-clear audio.
- Hymnals
 - Currently use St. Michael Hymnals (Fifth Ed., pew and choir editions, engraved).
 - Currently use GIA Worship Hymnals (Fourth Ed.)
 - Currently subscribe to Source & Summit, a comprehensive digital platform that provides liturgical music resources, hymnals, and worship aids to support the sacred music program at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
- Current music copyright licenses are maintained (CCLI, OneLicense, etc.).
- Instrument(s)
 - Holy Trinity features Wicks pipe/digital combination (hybrid) organ which consists of approximately 25 ranks, 2 manuals (keyboards) and pedal (32 notes). It is in excellent condition, has a refurbished motor, and is tuned and serviced seasonally.
 - New (2023) Yamaha CLP-85 Clavina (with Sostenuuto).
- Growing and enthusiastic adult choir with regular rehearsals.
- We host recitals, concerts, and other musical performances seasonally (two per year).
- We welcome guest musicians for seasonal and high liturgical events (hand bell choirs; children's choirs; and brass, wind, and strings instrumentalists).

- Holy Trinity hosts the annual Diocese of Shreveport Red Mass, with the diocesan “St. Cecilia Choir” and other visiting choirs.
- Spacious choir loft.
- All new choir robes, stackable choir chairs, Manhasset Music Stands with orchestra lights, and many other amenities.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM OF SACRED MUSIC

Position Description Overview

In July 2025, Holy Trinity Catholic Church is seeking a part-time or full-time Organist and Director of Sacred Music (hereafter called “Director”). The Director will lead our enthusiastic choir and parishioners to holiness through worship, singing, and the beauty of music. The Director holds a vital leadership role and is responsible for enhancing the liturgical life of the parish through the planning, coordination, and execution of sacred music. This position oversees all musical aspects of worship, including playing the organ, directing the choir, arranging cantors, and managing the carillon system, while ensuring alignment with the Church’s liturgical traditions and pastoral vision. The Director collaborates with clergy and staff to foster a vibrant worship environment and supports special liturgical events, funerals, and weddings, while maintaining hymnals, licensing, and safety protocols. A full Position Description will be provided.

Candidate Qualifications

- Proficiency in organ and piano, choral conducting, and Catholic liturgy
- Bachelor of Music and/or one to two years of related experience
- Audition tape or in-person trial Mass
- Proficiency in sight-reading and improvisation
- Proficiency in choral conducting and leading a choir
- Knowledge of other instruments to supplement the parish’s music ministry upon the director’s or Pastor’s discretion
- Basic understanding of organ maintenance
- Knowledge of the Catholic Church’s liturgical and music traditions
- Basic understanding of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), Gradual
- The ability or general interest to sing and teach Gregorian chant (Latin/English)
- Ability to plan appropriate music throughout the liturgical year
- Ability to find and prepare music outside of rehearsal time
- Ability to schedule cantors and, if needed, substitute organists in a timely manner
- Ability to plan appropriate music and to play for funeral services and weddings
- Ability to work closely with the Pastor, including weekly meetings, and taking direction