



*the*  
**CATHEDRAL**  
*of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



*To the Trinity be praise!  
God is music,  
God is life that nurtures  
every creature in its kind.  
Our God is the song of the angel  
throng  
and the splendor of secret ways  
hid from humankind,  
But God our life is the life of all.*

*Saint Hildegard of Bingen*



**Music and Arts at  
The Cathedral  
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## Cathedral Arts

"Concerts in Churches are desirable manifestations of the sacredness of art, the evangelical mission of the Church, and an exemplary form of outreach to the community.

In addition to the great corpus of musical literature for liturgical use, there has also been created a unique repertoire which requires the ambience of the sacred space and which is rarely effective in the concert hall: cantatas, oratorios, passion settings, concerti "da chiesa," liturgical music-dramas, and the vast storehouse of Pipe Organ literature."

*Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians*

## About Us

**BISHOP JAMES V. JOHNSTON, JR.**

Bishop of Kansas City- St. Joseph

**FR. PAUL TURNER**

Cathedral Pastor

**DR. MARIO PEARSON**

Director of Music, Liturgy and Principal Organist



# Liturgical Music

A varied program of music to celebrate faith, inspire, and uplift souls

# Cantors, Choirs, and Instrumentalists

## CANTORS

Cathedral cantors are volunteers who come from the parish community and many parishes around the diocese to lead the community's sung prayer during the sacred liturgy.

## SCHOLA CANTORUM

The Schola choir is an ensemble of area professional singers who lead the music for the weekend 2:30 pm and 11 am Masses at the Cathedral from September through May. They sing from the vast treasury of church music as quartets and octets and combine for the Christmas Midnight Mass and concerts.

## VOLUNTEER CHOIRS

The Cathedral's principal choir, and men's and women's chant choirs sing occasionally for our celebrations. Due to the pandemic, these ensembles are being rebuilt and reorganized.

## DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan choir provides music ministry for some of the liturgies celebrated with our Bishop when we gather as a diocese.

## INSTRUMENTALISTS

The Cathedral is blessed with many talented volunteers who assist our celebrations as staff organists and instrumentalists.



# Evangelization through the Arts



The Cathedral presents in-house concerts throughout the year to build community, evangelize, and to share music.

These events are presented at a minimal cost, or a free will donation

## Annual Events



### French Organ Music Festival

4th Sunday of August  
2 pm-5 pm

### All Souls Remembrance Mass with Fauré's Requiem

November 2 at 7 pm

### St. Cecilia Music Festival

2nd Sunday in November at 3 pm

### Prelude To Christmas Concert

1st Thursday in December at 6:30 pm

### Lenten Concert

A Friday during Lent at 6 pm

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## Outreach Programs

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### Acoustics Tour

A tour of the Cathedral from the Lees Summit School District for high school choral students to hear the organ and to experience singing in a buoyant acoustic space.

### Cathedral Tours

A tour sharing the rich history and architecture of the Cathedral that occasionally includes a demonstration of the Cathedral's Ruffatti pipe organ.

### Missa Choralis

Cathedrals have historically been the home to many talented choirs and instrumentalists. The Missa Choralis or Choir Mass welcomes local choral groups and touring groups who are visiting or traveling through the Kansas City area. They share their talents with those who come to the Cathedral to worship, visit, and pray.

## Hosted Concerts

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### CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

The Cathedral is the host for classical candlelight concerts presented by the FeverUp organization. Kansas City's Opus 76 string quartet performs inspiring programs by classical composers such as Vivaldi, Beethoven, and Mozart.

### FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC

For over two decades the Cathedral has been the venue for concerts presented by the Friends of Chamber Music organization. Audiences are thrilled to hear performances in our beautiful Cathedral by internationally renowned groups like The Tallis Scholars, Trio Medieval, Stile Antico, and Ensemble Correspondence.

### WILLIAM BAKER FESTIVAL SINGERS

The William Baker Festival Singers performances are a staple in the community. They present Christmas and Spring concerts in the Cathedral.

### KANTOREI CHORAL INSTITUTE

The Kantorei organization promotes the art of choral singing in summer programs for elementary, high school, and college aged singers in the area. Following a week of intensive rehearsals led by renowned clinicians the groups gather for an inspiring concert performance in the Cathedral.