

St. John of the Cross Parish

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Guest Musician Policy

- In order to ensure the quality of music and liturgy, which is valued by the St. John of the Cross Parish community, and in order to make sure that important liturgical events in the lives of our parishioners go as smoothly and flawlessly as possible, SJC staff musicians normally provide music for all liturgical events, including weddings and funerals.
- If there is a strong preference for a cantor, accompanist, or instrumentalist other than one of those on staff with St. John of the Cross Parish, the family or couple planning the liturgy should consult the Director of Music Ministries as early as possible and before formally hiring anyone to ascertain the individual's skills and qualifications in leading Roman Catholic sung prayer. Since serving as a music minister requires knowledge of the liturgy and a skill set beyond musical talent, a recommendation from the guest musician's home parish may be requested.
- Guest musicians without prior experience with Roman Catholic liturgical music should limit their participation to 1-2 songs, and a rehearsal with the Director of Music Ministries will be required.
- Guest musicians will not receive payment for their services through the parish. Instead, guest musicians should arrange to be paid directly by the couple or family that contracts them. St. John of the Cross Parish is not responsible for the payment of guest musicians.