



Jubilate Deo Youth Schola Plan for 2018-19

The Jubilate Deo Youth Schola is a “school of singers” who are dedicated to the musical treasures of the Catholic Church. We welcome treble singers from grades 2-12. Our reasons for learning and singing in the Church include a desire to more fully express our Catholic tradition, to develop our singing ability, show our love for God, and share these gifts with the congregation and community. The following is an outline of our plan for the 2018-19 school year. For background information about our choir, please see the Jubilate Deo Youth Schola page of the parish website, including the Downloads section of that page:

<http://www.stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/pages/youth-choir>

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Aims for the Year

1. Develop musical skill

Singing technique (posture, breathing, diction, resonance)

Rhythm, intonation, and creative expression

Gregorian chant notation (four-line staff)

Modern musical notation (five-line staff)

We will employ the *Ward Method*, the gold standard in teaching Catholic children to sing.

2. Learn core Catholic music

Chants of Pope Paul VI's *Jubilate Deo* collection that all the faithful are asked to learn

Marian hymns – the four seasonal antiphons, etc.

Other traditional/classic sacred songs in Latin and English, including an introduction to canons and simple choral harmony

Below is a summary of the core songs that we plan to learn or review this year. We will be studying many other songs, but the ones listed here reflect our essential chant repertory.

Fall Semester (Sept. – Dec.)	Winter/Spring Semester (Jan. – May)
<i>Adoremus in Aeternum</i>	<i>Adoro Te Devote</i>
<i>Alma Redemptoris Mater</i>	<i>Attende Domine</i>
<i>Ave Maria</i>	<i>Ave Maris Stella</i>
<i>Creator Alme Siderum</i>	<i>Ave Regina Coelorum</i>
<i>Divine Praises (Laudes Divinae)</i>	<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i>
<i>Jesu Dulcis Memoria</i>	<i>Da Pacem, Domine</i> antiphon
<i>Missa Cantata responses</i>	<i>O Salutaris Hostia</i> (new to the schola this year)
<i>Missa Jubilate Deo – Latin/English</i>	<i>Pange Lingua</i>
<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	<i>Parce, Domine</i>
<i>(Kyrie/Gloria/Sanctus/Agnus Dei)</i>	<i>Regina Caeli</i>
<i>Pater Noster</i>	<i>Tu Es Petrus</i>
<i>Tantum Ergo</i>	<i>Ubi Caritas</i>
<i>Salve Regina</i>	<i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i>

3. Pray the music

We will begin and end with prayer. We will talk about the English and/or Spanish translations of the prayers we are singing.

4. Sing at the Ordinary Form Mass (*normally on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 11:30 Mass*)

In our Ordinary Form Masses, we will usually sing a hymn at Communion, occasionally a Marian antiphon, and participate in the recessional hymn. Students sing the Ordinary parts, which we practice in class, in the congregation with their families.

5. Sing at the Ancient Form Missa Cantata (*normally the 4th Sunday of the month at 4:45pm*)

At this Mass, we will usually sing a piece on our own at the prelude or Communion, lead the processional hymn, and the seasonal Marian antiphon. We also will sing parts of the Ordinary along with the congregation (e.g., Pater Noster, Dismissal, Missa de Angelis).

6. Participate in Eucharistic Adoration, other devotions, and parish celebrations

On First Fridays we will spend a few minutes in Adoration and sing for Benediction.

In December we will sing during the Basilica St. Nicholas dinner, sing a concert of carols at Christmas, and sing at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

We will have an Epiphany party in Varallo Hall on Friday, January 4. This will be our “fun reward” for a semester of singing. We will need parent volunteers!

On Fridays during Lent we will sing a short prelude to Vespers/Stations of the Cross.

We will sing for the May Crowning.

Our spring party will be during our last regular class on Friday, May 17 in Varallo Hall. We will need parent volunteers again!

Our final scheduled event for the school year is the Corpus Christi procession at 1pm on June 23. We will have an extra class on June 21 to prepare for that.

Schola Structure

We will assign each singer a level group using colors from the Basilica's crest:

Blue (Beginners who may not yet match pitch consistently)

When we sing at Mass, these singers may sing the Marian antiphon, Pater Noster, the Ordinary, and other songs they know that the congregation joins in on.

During practice, these singers will be encouraged to listen first, then join in and cover one ear to better hear themselves.

Learn to follow the lyrics with the notes on the page.

Learn the schola's core chants.

Learn basic solfege-based singing technique (using Ward method, etc.)

Goal for moving to Red: Be able to match pitch most of the time when singing in group

Red (Beginning singers who can blend in the choir)

When we sing at Mass, these singers may sing any songs they have demonstrated they know during practice.

Continue learning the schola's core chants.

Learn basic solfege-based singing technique (using Ward method, etc.)

Goal for moving to Gold: Demonstrate experience with solfege and chant notation. Be able to sing the schola's core chants (at least the ones taught in the current semester).

Gold (Intermediate singers who know core songs and have developed skill in sight singing)

These singers will study sight singing more intensely, including modern notation. In addition to the schola's core melodies, they will be assigned harmony parts on certain songs.

Learn more advanced songs, study modern musical notation, and sing in harmony.

Goal for moving to Silver: Be able to sight-sing simple melodies independently. Sing accurately most of the time.

Silver (Advanced - independent sight singers)

These singers will be offered more in-depth experience in sight singing. They will be assigned parts to learn and sing, and they may also sing with the adult schola.

Notes about the Levels

Learning to sing is a primary purpose in a schola ("school of singers"). It is to be expected that not every singer will be able to perform every song every time. With consistent effort, students at each level will develop their abilities and contribute to the group.

Student progress will be influenced largely by reinforcement of practice opportunities at home. Parents are expected to provide opportunities for their children to listen to CD's and audio links frequently and incorporate regular practice times into the home routine.

The teachers will take care to present each group as important and valuable to the “team.” The color designation should help keep the group identities neutral.

The teachers and the whole schola will acknowledge students who are ready to move to the next level, showing appreciation for their efforts. Normally this will be done at the end of the semester.

Adult Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to help maintain order in the choir loft when we sing. Younger students sometimes have trouble paying attention or finding their place and need help. The extra adult presence helps us provide adequate supervision during breakout sessions when the teachers move to separate rooms.

Per diocesan policy, every adult who works with children in our parish programs must be registered in the Virtus program. Call the parish office to find out how to register.

We also need help for our parties on Jan. 4 and May 17!

Class Agenda

Class Time: 4:15 – 5:30 pm most Fridays, with flexibility noted below

Understanding that some schools dismiss later, making it difficult to arrive at 4:15, it is ok for kids to come a little later if needed. We will normally do review work at 4:15 and have our opening prayer at 4:30.

On **First Fridays and Fridays of Lent, class ends** *after* the 5:30 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (which takes 5-10 minutes).

At times, individual students may be invited to come early (3:45 or 4:00 pm) for voice coaching or level evaluation

Boys’ Breakout Session

On some Fridays, subject to Fr. Carter’s availability, there will be a **Boys’ Breakout session** during class. The purpose of this time is for the boys to gain solidarity and confidence in their important role as singers of the church, and to help them enjoy participating in the schola. The boys will learn special songs that the full group is not learning, and they will present them as surprises at key moments during the year. During this time, the girls will be working on songs with harmony.

Family presence at class

Parents are, of course, invited to observe the classes at any time. We do ask that you help us keep the classroom quiet and ensure that younger siblings do not wander around the class area. Although we do not have a staff nursery worker during class, the parish nursery will be available for families to keep their younger children entertained.

Jubilate Deo Youth Schola Schedule of Events 2018 - 2019

The following is a preliminary plan of the Masses and other parish events when the schola will sing during this school year. Our potential to give our very best to God depends on the cooperation among singers, teachers, and parents. We ask parents to encourage your children to contribute to the Church, the schola, and their own development by attending regularly, following instructions, practicing at home using the printed and audio resources, and **coming to our events prepared.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	
2018 ORDINARY TIME				
Fri.	Sep. 7	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Sep. 14	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Fri.	Sep. 21	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Sep. 23	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Fri.	Sep. 28	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Fri.	Oct. 5	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Oct. 12	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	NO CLASS – Fall Break
Fri.	Oct. 19	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Oct. 21	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Fri.	Oct. 26	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Oct. 28	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – Christ the King
Fri.	Nov. 2	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Nov. 9	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Fri.	Nov. 16	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Nov. 18	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Fri.	Nov. 23	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	NO CLASS – Day after Thanksgiving
Sun.	Nov. 25	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – Last Sunday after Pentecost <i>(no RE class that morning)</i>
Fri.	Nov. 30	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
2018 ADVENT				
Fri.	Dec. 7	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
		5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Additional practice for 12/29 Christmas Pageant
Fri.	Dec. 14	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Thurs.	Dec. 20	2:45 pm	4:00 pm	Caroling at Alexian Village – concert starts at 3pm
Fri.	Dec. 21	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Dec. 23	9:30 am	11:30 am	*** 10:00 AM MASS – arrive at 9:30 for practice/prelude *** – 4th Sunday of Advent – Dedication of the new Basilica altar <i>(Because of this parish celebration, there will not be a Mass at 9am or 11:30 or a Missa Cantata that day)</i>
2018-19 CHRISTMAS				
Mon.	Dec. 24	4:45 pm	6:45 pm	Christmas Eve – 5:30 Vigil Mass – kids sing at 5pm
Fri.	Dec. 28	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	Dress rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
Sat.	Dec. 29	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Christmas Pageant <i>(arrive by 6pm, begins at 6:30pm)</i>
Fri.	Jan. 4	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Adoration and Epiphany Party – <i>volunteers needed!</i>

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2019 ORDINARY TIME				
Fri.	Jan. 11	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Fri.	Jan. 18	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Jan. 20	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Fri.	Jan. 25	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Jan. 27	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Fri.	Feb. 1	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Feb. 8	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Fri.	Feb. 15	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Sun.	Feb. 17	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Fri.	Feb. 22	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Sun.	Feb. 24	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – Sexagesima Sunday
Fri.	Mar. 1	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
2019 LENT				
Fri.	Mar. 8	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Mar. 15	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Sun.	Mar. 17	11:30 pm	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 2nd Sunday of Lent
Fri.	Mar. 22	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	NO CLASS – Spring Break
Sun.	Mar. 24	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – 3rd Sunday of Lent
Fri.	Mar. 29	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
2019 EASTER				
Fri.	Apr. 5	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Apr. 12	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	Apr. 19	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	NO CLASS – Good Friday
Sun.	Apr. 21	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – Easter Sunday
Fri.	Apr. 26	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Apr. 28	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – Octave of Easter/Low Sunday
Fri.	May 3	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Benediction
Fri.	May 10	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	May 12	10:15 am	11:00 am	May Crowning
Fri.	May 17	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class and Spring Party – <i>volunteers needed!</i>
Sun.	May 19	11:30 am	12:30 pm	11:30 Mass – 5th Sunday of Easter
Fri.	May 24	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	NO CLASS
Sun.	May 26	4:45 pm	6:15 pm	Missa Cantata – 5th Sunday after Easter <i>(no RE class that morning)</i>
2019 SUMMER ORDINARY TIME				
Fri.	Jun. 21	4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Class
Sun.	Jun. 23	11:30 am	1:30 pm	11:30 Mass and 1pm Corpus Christi procession