



# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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315 East Pecan Street, San Antonio, TX 78205-1819

## **Open Position: Organist and Choirmaster**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, a resource parish located in the heart of San Antonio, is seeking an Organist and Choirmaster. St. Mark's is a large, historically significant Episcopal church in the Diocese of West Texas, and it is distinguished by its long-standing commitment to excellence in music. Our music ministry encompasses 120+ weekly choral singers (both children and adults), a regular concert series open to the public, a triennial Alamo Baroque Festival, an Organ Scholar program, and numerous special events and collaborations. The St. Mark's Choir has appeared on local radio and television broadcasts, has served recently in summer residencies at cathedrals in England, and regularly performs with other local music ensembles. Within the Youth Choir, up to four choral scholars are identified as young leaders who participate in all choirs. The Boy & Girl Choir recently participated in acclaimed collaborative performances of Britten's *Noye's Fludde* and *Friday Afternoons*, incorporating several other children's ensembles from across the city.

We seek applicants with an Episcopal background who have a minimum of five years' experience as a church musician; a record of building and sustaining strong choral programs; and demonstrated commitment to the RSCM program for youth and adult choirs. Keyboard excellence and superior musicianship required. Master's degree or doctoral degree in a relevant area, or equivalent experience, is required.

The church seeks to appoint someone comfortable working with both youth and adult choirs, and with experience working as a member of a senior team comprised of both clergy and lay positions. Successful applicants will also have a track record of pastoral sensitivity and good communication skills. The Organist and Choirmaster reports to the Rector and must be able to work collaboratively with senior clergy. Outstanding keyboard instruments, all well maintained, allow wide latitude in repertory. For further information on the organ and choral programs see [www.stmarks-sa.org/music](http://www.stmarks-sa.org/music).

Questions about the position should be directed to Anne Schelleng, Co-Chair of the search committee, at 210-393-6103 (Email: [aschelleng@childrenschorussa.org](mailto:aschelleng@childrenschorussa.org)). To apply, send cover letter, CV, and list of references electronically to Rachel Dugger at [rdugger@stmarks-sa.org](mailto:rdugger@stmarks-sa.org) by April 30 for best consideration. Please do not send recordings at this time.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Plan and provide music for the daily life of a musically discerning parish, including liturgies and special performances within the context of a thriving Episcopal community
- Supervise, conduct and rehearse the choirs (Novice, Boy/Girl, Treble, Youth, St. Mark's Choir)
- Hire and manage staff singers and other department positions
- Coordinate community events for children's and youth choirs
- Seek collaborative performance and educational outreach opportunities with area partners
- Serve as artistic director for the church's St. Cecilia Music Guild and for the Alamo Baroque Festival

**Reports to:** The Rector

**Type of Position:** Full-time

**Compensation and Benefits:** Salary commensurate with AAM guidelines. Diocesan Medical, Dental, Group Life Insurance; Matching 401(k); Paid Vacation; Continuing Education