

The choirs of Queen of Peace actually started rehearsing one month before the actual opening of the parish in 1991. When Jeffery Johnson was named the music director/organist of the parish, he was given the task of combining the choirs from all the consolidating parishes (Holy Family, Holy Rosary and Mother of God) into one cohesive group.

The challenge wasn't WHAT to sing, because each choir sang many of the same hymns, but HOW to sing it. The first rehearsal proved interesting in that each choir had their own way of singing the same hymn. This was very interesting considering the parishes were less than eight blocks apart. Needless to say, it was quite a challenge to get all three groups to sound as one.

After a little bit of hesitation and apprehension, everyone really pulled together and with the absolute talent that each parish had, a wonderful group was formed. Once the parish really started to move forward, three choirs were formed; a "traditional," a "contemporary" and a childrens' group. Each group provided their unique "stamp" on the music that was performed at each Mass and each group came together as one for the high holy days of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter.

Today we boast a "contemporary" and Spanish choir. With a new generation of young people, we hope to start a children's choir again for next season.

The mission of the choirs of Queen of Peace is to provide instrumental and vocal music at all weekend and special liturgies; to praise the Lord our God and Creator in song, and to lead and challenge our congregations with traditional as well as contemporary/new works - thus adding further reverence and emotion to all liturgies.