

Getting To Know Your Parish



Holy Trinity's Parishioner in the Spotlight

A gift to our parish she brings—

You can guess by the songs
that she sings.

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Very soon you will know

Our music is fit for the King.

Who is she?



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This Iowa farm girl began singing at age 5, her beautiful talent obvious even then. She felt shy as a girl, liked to sing up in the choir loft but then skedaddled before anyone found out it was her. Her friend's dad wouldn't have it, though. He'd phone and say, "Rosie, you sang wonderfully at church." He called her Rosie for her rosy cheeks, a gift of those Iowa winters. She still remembers those snow drifts.



They moved into town and lived above her dad's dry cleaning business, then later they moved to a house with more room. On a trip back home, she was happy to discover the shelf where she and her sister, Judy, kept their book collection was still inscribed 'The Joyce and Judy library'. College was at Wartburg, in Iowa. After that came the heady musical days in Southern California, where she and Bill met singing, naturally. Highlights included work with the Roger Wagner Chorale, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the L.A. Music Center and participation in the premiere of 'Falstaff' at the Los Angeles Opera. Always busy, she taught and tutored professional singing at Riverside Community College. She and Bill moved up this way to be closer to their daughter in Puyallup. She has been with us 14 years, and is still very busy: two choir practices during the week and another before the Spanish Mass plus three youth choirs. And, there are the special music ministry events: the tree-lighting and Wassail before Christmas and the Way of the Cross, Monday of Holy Week.

It's our wonderfully talented
Joyce Paxson

And if that isn't enough, follow the link below.



Joyce retired from her position as Pastoral Assistant for Music after having served our parish for the past 14 years.