

## **LORRAINE HESS - Bio**



*Lorraine Hess* is a Catholic singer, songwriter, music minister, speaker, author, and recording artist born and raised in New Orleans. She grew up in a family of jazz, gospel, classical and cajun musicians, and her writing is strongly influenced by her eclectic South Louisiana heritage. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University and has a master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, New Orleans. Since the age of sixteen, she has served the church in music, and she is currently the Director of Music Ministry at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Lorraine has released seven solo albums of original liturgical and sacred music: *We Shall Be Healed* (2008); *Child of God* (2010), *Cradle in Bethlehem* (2012), *As I Pray* (2015), *Glorify Him* (2017), *See the Miracle* (2019), and *Veritas* (2023). She also produced a music video for the year of St. Joseph entitled, *With a Father's Heart* (2021). Her music can be found in World Library Publications of GIA Publications, *More Voices as One I, II, and III*, *One in Faith*, *Gather 4*, *Voices*, and *Novum*. Her music is also featured in the hymnals.

The Mass of St. Catherine of Siena, her original mass setting, was published in 2022 was a finalist for Mass Setting of the Year in 2023 by the Association of Catholic Publishers.

She has performed at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Mid-Atlantic Congress, the International Catholic Stewardship Conference, the Catholic Women of Faith Conference (Nashville), Las Vegas Archdiocesan Conference, New Orleans World Youth Day, WINE (Women in the New Evangelization), Catholic Women in Action, GO! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference, Legatus, and at concerts, youth events, parish missions, retreats and liturgies throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Lorraine has also performed in John Angotti's original musical, *JOB, The NOW Testament*, and has appeared on the nationally televised shows *The Power of Love* hosted by the late Fr. Michael Manning, SVD and *Live With Passion* with Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. She is an ambassador for Jubilate Tours and leads pilgrimages overseas.

Lorraine is also published as a writer for the Liturgical Singer; she is a contributing writer for CatholicMom.com and Liturgy Training Publications. She is also co-host of the podcast, "Beloved" available on all podcast platforms.

Lorraine and her husband, Rob, have been married since 1990, are proud parents of four sons, her greatest vocation. For more about Lorraine, visit her website at [www.lorrainehess.com](http://www.lorrainehess.com).

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