

## **St. Joseph Altar Server Ministry Letter to Parents**

Dear Parents:

We would like to invite your child(ren) to become part of the St. Joseph Parish Altar Server Ministry and hope you encourage her/him to join this wonderful group of young people who assist with the celebration of the mass. It will take their time and your commitment however; it is a beautiful way for your child(ren) to express her/his active participation in both the faith and life of St. Joseph Church.

We hope you consider our invitation and discuss it as a family. Any student who has received their First Holy Communion and whose family is registered with St. Joseph Church may train to become an altar server. This ministry provides altar servers for the 4:00 pm mass on Saturday as well as the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 masses on Sunday morning.

Training for interested students begins by attending a New Altar Server & Parent Orientation Session. After the student and their parent(s) complete the Orientation Session, training continues as new servers “shadow” veteran servers - a type of “on the job” training if you will. We found that this allows new servers to learn the various altar serving duties while building their confidence on the altar.

If your child is interested in serving please complete and submit the online Altar Server Registration Form which is available on the church’s web site at [sjcfl.org](http://sjcfl.org) – click on “Ministries” – click on “Altar Servers” – click on “Altar Server Registration Form” ...complete it online and click “Submit”. After your completed registration form is received, you will be contacted and given information about the next New Altar Server & Parent Orientation Session

May the Lord continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Administrator

Fr. Paul D’Angelo, Parochial Vicar