



The Roman Catholic

Diocese of St. Petersburg Invite You and Your Family

to attend This Year's

Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass

Sunday, March 24th - 3:00 PM

at The Cathedral of Saint Jude the Apostle in Saint Petersburg



This Annual Mass, **presided over by Bishop Gregory Parkes**, is intended as a special thanks to all Servers in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg in acknowledgement for their service in this very special ministry in our Church. While recognizing all of our youth in their service, the Bishop recognizes the Altar Server of the Year recipients for all the Parishes in the Diocese in a special ceremony at the conclusion of the Mass.

This Mass offers an excellent opportunity for our Servers at Saint Stephen Catholic Church, and their families, to join together for prayers for our Church and all who serve and support this ministry, and also listen to the words and guidance of our new Bishop as he continues his ministerial journey in leadership of our amazing Diocese. It's also an opportunity for our Saint Stephen Servers to join together in show of support for our Awardee this Year...**who will be announced at our Saint Stephen Parish Altar Server Appreciation BBQ on March 10th**

The Mass commences at 3 pm, thus, Servers attending are asked by the Diocesan Vocations Office to please arrive not later than 2:30 pm, IN VESTMENTS and line up for the procession into the Church. Servers will meet and assemble in the Reception Center located behind the Cathedral (where the gift store is located). This is a very highly attended Mass so arriving early is paramount, especially for families, to ensure good seating. **Those attending should pick up their Vestments from our Church immediately after the 11:30 am Mass, and return them to Ministry Coordinators following the Mass.** Our Saint Stephen Parish Ministry has traditionally had a very high turnout over the past few years we've been attending, and Father Dermot will be attending as well; therefore, we ask you to help us continue this Tradition and join together as a Saint Stephen Parish Altar Server Ministry Family – on this very special day.

A Reception Follows the Mass...where all are Invited to Attend

Each Parish is required to submit an RSVP Form to the Diocesan Vocations Office by Monday, March 18th; therefore, if you are able and interested in participating, **PLEASE RSVP to altarserverinfo.ss@gmail.com** with numbers attending – **by Friday, March 15th**.

Please consider SAYING YES to this Special Call to Prayer & Thanksgiving...we hope to see many of you there!

Once I consolidate responses, I will publish an email on Sunday evening, March 17th, to all those planning to attend to help you coordinate amongst yourselves for carpooling if you so desire