

LECTORS

1. There are Lector Workbooks on the table in the gathering area that may be taken home. PLEASE return them when you come to Mass. At this time, due to shortage of Mass ministers, we are using one Lector. Be sure to practice both readings before Mass time. You are proclaiming the Word of God!
2. The lectionary is at the ambo. Check the ribbon placement in the lectionary prior to the start of Mass. Adjust the microphone to your height. If you are proclaiming the reading and the mic is too far from you, simply move it to a location in front of your mouth.
3. Go to the church main entrance a few minutes before Mass starts. Join the entrance procession – behind the altar servers, in front of the Deacon (or the Priest if no deacon). At the foot of that altar, bow reverently with the servers and priest (deacon will be at the altar with the Book of the Gospels) and take a seat in a pew. (Note: if there is no deacon, you do not need to carry the Book of the Gospels in procession – it will be on the altar.)
4. If possible, sit in the pew with the altar servers on the left side of the Church, or on the left side on the aisle, near the front, so that you do not have to cross the center aisle when you go to the ambo.
5. When approaching the ambo, pause and give a slight bow to the Altar. Speak with confidence. Speak slowly and enunciate clearly. Maintain some eye contact. Adjust the mic to your height.
6. Read the introduction exactly as written in the lectionary namely, “A reading from ...” DO NOT ad lib your own introduction!
7. The cantor will sing the Responsorial Psalm from ambo also. After proclaiming the first reading, you may sit near the Altar Servers until after the Psalm. [NOTE: if there is no cantor, the Music Director will let you know, and you will recite (not sing) the Responsorial Psalm at the ambo. Pause briefly after the first reading before starting the Psalm.] Then, proceed to proclaim the second reading. After the second reading, leave the ribbon alone, close the Lectionary after the people have responded, “Thanks be to God.” and then place it in the shelf below the top of the ambo.
8. Return to your seat in the same manner you approached the ambo.
9. Lectors remain in their seat at the end of Mass, and do not process out with the priest, deacon and servers.

NOTE:

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry as Lector at the appointed Mass time, please find your own replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, please contact the parish office.