

Lector Procedures

Before Weekend

1. Make sure you check your schedule online with MSP. If you are unable to make an assigned service please use MSP to find a sub.
2. Please prepare and pray with your reading. Always prepare the shorter Version if there is an option.
3. Review the other reading also in case the other reader doesn't show up.

Prior to mass

1. Arrive 15 min. before mass and sign in
2. Review the Prayers of the Faithful. If there is doubt about a name, please Ask. (If a Deacon is present, he will read the prayers)
3. Be sure to review your reading(s) in the Lectionary before mass and place the binder with the prayer of the faithful at the ambo.
4. 10 min before mass report to the Gathering Space for prayer with the other Ministers. Second Lector leads the prayer if there is no Deacon.

During Mass

1. PROCESSION

Led by the cross, followed by the book of the Gospel (carried by a lector or Deacon), then Lector(s), server(s) and Presider. The Gospel should be carried with the cross facing backwards. This allows the Lector to place the book on the front of the altar without having to rotate it.

2. In front of the Altar:

Lector Lector Presider Server Server

3. When the person carrying the book of the Gospel reaches the stairs he/she should continue up the stairs and place the book (standing up, cross facing congregation) on the front of the altar and return to the floor.
4. When all have reached the foot of the altar all bow at the lead of the Presider and go to your seats.

5. PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

As the congregation sits for the first reading, the first lector proceeds to floor in front of the ambo, next to the plant/candles, bows to the altar and proceeds up the steps passing behind the plant/candles to the ambo.

*Adjust the microphone as needed so people can hear you

*Read ONLY the words that are there " a reading from" do not change Or add any words.

*Read confidently and slowly into the microphone.

6. After reading, go down the steps and return to your seat.

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7. Second reader follows the same procedure after the Cantor is done with the psalm.
8. When finished with the second reading the lector closes the book and places it inside the Ambo, goes down the steps, and returns to their seat.

Prayers of the Faithful

1. the people stand for the Profession of Faith (creed). When the last paragraph begins [I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church], the first lector comes forward to the foot of the ambo, bows toward the altar, then goes up the stairs to the ambo. The Lector faces the priest as the creed is finished and the Prayers of the Faithful are introduced by the priest.

If there is ever a change in the people's response it will be noted on the sheet in the binder.

2. After the prayer is over, wait for the priest to finish the closing remarks. Go down the steps and return to your seat. There is no need to bow.

At the end of mass

1. Approach the altar when the priest does, bow and follow the Cross.