

Lectors

Thank you for accepting Our Lord's invitation to serve Him in this beautiful service to His people. It is a great privilege for us to be an instrument through which God's Word is proclaimed to His children.

Our own devotion, love and respect for His Word is communicated in the way we prepare and reverently carry out this ministry.

Before Mass:

- If you are not able to fulfill your scheduled assignment, please find a replacement
- Dress reverently: Obviously no jeans or shorts.
 - o Men – please try to wear a tie or a jacket
 - o Women – please dress in a modest, formal attire
- Arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass and check in on signup sheet in the vesting room.
- Check the ambo to be sure both the Lectionary and Petitions are there
- Please try to keep the vesting room a place of prayerful preparation
- Pray together in the vesting room with the priest upon invitation

During Mass:

- After the Opening Prayer, when the priest sits down, process up the main aisle
 - o If there are two lectors, please process up together
- Bow before the altar and proceed to ambo
 - o If there are two lectors, the second reader is seated in sanctuary
- After First Reading; be seated in the sanctuary for Psalm Response
 - o If there are two lectors, sit beside the second reader
- After Psalm Response, proclaim the second reading
- After second reading, process to the floor before altar, bow, then process back to pew

Important Proclamation Notes:

- Please prepare for the readings before Mass, if there are any problems with pronunciation, look them up in the Pronunciation Guide found in the sacristy and vesting room
- Very important to speak clearly and slowly
- Our ministry is to proclaim the Word of God
 - o The microphone is there to assist us, but it doesn't do the work
 - It merely picks up what we proclaim

Notes:

- Only when there is not a deacon assisting will you process up the aisle with the Book of the Gospels
- If you are part of that procession, after placing the Book of the Gospels on the altar, come down beside the altar server and genuflect
- Only when there is not a deacon will you need to be concerned with the Prayers of the Faithful and any light changes
 - o When there is not a deacon, you would lead the Prayers of the Faithful and at the end of the priests prayer, **Press #3**

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