

LECTOR INSTRUCTIONS

General Comment

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration is much more than reading from the Lectionary. It requires that the Lector has prepared well enough in advance to know all of the readings for that celebration and has a special place in their heart for the reading they will proclaim. The Lector Workbook has guidelines for proclaiming the Word that may be helpful for your preparation.

Responsibilities

1. Please read and pray your scripture throughout the week. There is a difference between reading and proclaiming. Be sure you know the Scripture reference. A few have read the Gospel and Father knew that the person did not possibly read over and pray their passage during the week.
2. We are living examples to the community so, please:
 - a. When you line up in the back of Church for the procession, please be quiet and respectful to those who may be praying before Mass.
 - b. This may be a good time to prayerfully prepare yourself for the Mass and your ministry.
 - c. After Mass, please move to the back of Church to meet with your friends and neighbors to be respectful to those who may be praying after Mass.
3. The way you dress reflects your commitment to the ministry you have been called to and also reflects your love and respect for our Lord. Please dress appropriately (business casual attire and preferably no flip-flops).
4. If you are unable to proclaim on your scheduled day, please find a substitute well enough in advance for them to prepare.
5. Arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass and go into the sacristy look over General Intercessions and Announcements and to check in. Go to the back of church with the other Liturgical Ministers to walk in the procession after the altar servers. You will bow to the Altar when Father bows. (If you are able to genuflect with Father and the Altar Servers, please feel free to!) Once Father moves to the Altar, then go to your seat. Come forward after Mass to be in the recessional.
6. If the Deacon is present at Mass, he will read the General Intercessions and Announcements. Do not be offended that you will not be able to do these readings because the Deacon is an ordained minister in the Church with specific duties to carry out in a parish.

First Lector

1. After Father prays the Opening Prayer and all say "Amen" and sit down, you come forward. Wait if you are doing 9:30 Mass and there is Children's Liturgy of the Word. Bow to altar going up and returning to your place.
2. After the Creed you will read the General Intercessions if there is no Deacon.

Second Lector

1. Go up after the Responsorial Psalm. When you are finished, place book on shelf of ambo.
2. You read the Announcements as soon as everyone is sitting after Communion if there is no Deacon.

Additional Resources Attached

1. The Lector at Mass (www.usccb.org)
2. Ministers and Roles Within the Liturgical Assembly at Mass (www.usccb.org)
3. Postures and Gestures at Mass (www.usccb.org)