

## **Lector's Guidelines**

Lectors should familiarize themselves with their respective readings during the week prior to their designated duty. They should pray over, read, and practice proclaiming the scriptures that they will be reading. The Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers is an especially useful resource. There are copies of this book in both parishes. You can also go online to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) to hear the readings and help with pronunciations.

Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins. Make sure the readings are marked in the book correctly, and look at the petitions if the Deacon will not be at Mass. Take the book up to the ambo before Mass and find your seat. If Deacon is not there, then go back to the sacristy to join Fr in the procession with the Gospel book.

Proclaim the first reading. If there is no cantor at Mass, read the responsorial psalm. Proclaim the second reading, and then return to your seat.

If the Deacon is not at Mass, you will read the petitions after the profession of faith.