

## **Lector Instructions**

Thank you for proclaiming the Word of God to the community! Proclamation of the Mass' Scripture readings as a Lector is more than simply reading. Effective proclamation is both a gift and a skill that must be developed to help the faithful develop a warm and lively love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred texts. To aid you in your efforts we have compiled these instructions:

### *Before Mass:*

- Pray over the readings. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your proclamation of the Holy Scriptures.
- In the sacristy the Lectionary should be set to the days readings, but you should still check to make sure that they are correct.
- Put the Lectionary on the Ambo.
- If Deacon is not assisting at the Mass, grab the binder with the Intercessions and read through them.

### *Liturgy of the Word:*

- After the Collect, go and bow to the altar.
- Enter the sanctuary to proclaim the first Reading.
- Make sure to be calm and deliberate in your proclamation.
- At the end of the First Reading, take a small pause before saying, 'The Word of the Lord.'
- If there is a cantor, exit the Sanctuary, bow to the altar, and sit in the front pew for the Responsorial Psalm.
- If there is not a cantor, continue onto the Responsorial Psalm.
- If there is a cantor, after the Responsorial Psalm, bow to the altar and enter the sanctuary for the Second Reading.
- Proclaim the second reading.

- After you say, ‘the Word of the Lord.’ put the Lectionary on the shelf on the Ambo.
- Exit the Sanctuary and bow to the altar again.
- After the Creed, if there is no deacon, go back to the Ambo and read the Intercessions.
- Leave the Sanctuary after Father finishes the prayer for the intercessions.

After Mass:

- Return the Binder and the Lectionary to the Sacristy.

Thank you for Lectoring! It is truly a blessing to have you enter into the mass in such an important fashion. May God bless you and your families abundantly!