

LECTORS

1. There are Lector Workbooks on the table in the gathering area that may be taken home. The first person listed on the schedule reads the first reading and the second person listed reads the second reading. **Practice both readings in case it becomes necessary for one person to read both readings.** During your month you may agree to switch Lector one to the second reading but it is not required.
2. Arrive early and let the greeters know you are present.
3. The lectionary is at the ambo. Bow to the Altar and then check the ribbon placement in the lectionary prior to the start of Mass. Adjust the microphone to the first Reader's height.
4. Sit on the left side of the Church on the aisle, near the front, so that you do not have to cross the center aisle when you go to the ambo.
5. **Approach the ambo with a slight bow to the Altar. Adjust the microphone. Speak with confidence. Speak slowly and enunciate. Maintain some eye contact.**
6. Read the introduction as written in the lectionary namely, "A reading from"
7. **After the opening prayers the first Reader proceeds to the ambo (without sitting). If Children's Liturgy is being held, wait to approach after the children are dismissed. After completion of the first reading, turn the page, if necessary, so that the book is open to the appropriate page for the second reading. You may slide the ribbon if it is in your way, but do not remove it. Do not close the lectionary. Stay at the ambo until the people respond "Thanks be to God."**
8. **The second Reader proceeds to the ambo after the Responsorial Psalm is complete. Adjust the microphone to your height. The person reading the second reading should make a mental note as Father comes down the aisle during the processional as to whether the book containing the Gospels is being carried in by the Deacon. If so, after the second reading, the Reader needs to close the lectionary and place it on the underneath shelf. If the lectionary is to be used for the Gospel reading, turn the page to the appropriate spot, if necessary. Leave the ribbon alone. Do not close the lectionary or leave the ambo until the people have responded "Thanks be to God."**
9. If an individual is reading both Readings, sit in the altar server section during the Responsorial Psalm versus returning to your seat in the pew.
10. **Bow again to the Altar** and then return to your seat.

NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry as Lector at the appointed Mass time, you may call the other Lector who has practiced both readings to be your replacement or you may ask someone else who has signed up as Lector to be your replacement. Be sure to inform the greeters that both readings are covered. Please find a replacement if you cannot serve. Do not expect the greeters or Deacon to find a replacement for you.

Thank you for your service!