



GUIDELINES FOR LECTORS

Serving as EZ as 1, 2, 3, 4

1. *Attend training OR watch the video at stpiuscda.org*
2. *Read these Guidelines*
3. *Watch liturgical ministers at your next Mass!*
4. *Learn how to access the MSP scheduling software via website!*

BEFORE MASS:

- Be present at least 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass to check in and coordinate with other ministers.
- Check in with the Sacristan to make sure there are no changes; sign the sign-in sheet.
- Put on your medallion identifying you as a Lector.
- Locate the Lectionary and make sure the page marker is placed on the correct day's reading.

MASS:

- Readers join the procession in front of Father (behind Deacon), as they approach the altar, stand on either side of Father and bow to the altar when he does, then go to their pews.
- **Reader 1** will:
 - Place the Lectionary on the ambo at least 10 minutes before Mass.
 - If the Deacon is not present – will process the “Book of Gospels” and (from the front of the altar) place it in the holder on the altar.
 - Proclaim the first reading--following the Opening Prayer, stand and with hands in prayer form, approach the steps of the altar, make a profound bow to the altar and then proceed slowly to the ambo via near the railing.
- **Reader 2** will:
 - Proclaim the second reading after the Responsorial Psalm, following instructions above.
 - Following the 2nd reading, place the Lectionary sideways in the bottom slot in the front of the ambo. The ambo should be completely clear when the Holy Gospel is read.
- All Readers should plan to read the longer form of the reading unless instructed otherwise.
- Proclaim all readings as they are printed in the Lectionary. **DO NOT** change any words or sentence structure.
- Adjust the microphone if needed.
- After the readings, the Lector makes a profound bow to the Altar at the bottom of the steps and returns to their seat.

AFTER MASS:

- After the last music song ends, return the Lectionary and Book of Gospels to the Sacristy.

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