When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater effectiveness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 29)

* **Beginning February 1** – announcements will be made after Communion and before the closing prayer, they will not be made before Mass.
  + After communion please be prepared to come forward to read the announcements at that time, Father/Deacon will call you up.
* 6:00 pm Mass, all Mass parts **except** for the Responsorial Psalm will be read rather than sung
* 7:30 am Mass, all Mass parts **including** the Responsorial Psalm will be read.
* 9:00 am and 11:00 am will not change
* **Beginning April 1st -**  only one Lector per regular weekend Mass will be scheduled.
* 6:00 pm Mass, all Mass parts except for the Responsorial Psalm will be read rather than sung
  + If you are a Lector at this Mass, please sit where the altar servers are sitting to the right of the tabernacle after the first reading and during the responsorial psalm, to make for a quicker transition.
* When approaching the Altar during Mass, the main focus is the Altar of Sacrifice not the Tabernacle, so bow to the Altar.
  + Genuflect to the tabernacle when you enter church and when you leave church.
* Reading –“ Reading from the Prophet Isaiah” *Not the first reading is from the prophet Isaiah 3:1-8*
  + *Count to three in your head and continue.*
  + After the reading is completed - again count three times in your head and say *The word of the Lord*
  + Do not announce Responsorial psalm, just begin saying the responsorial psalm
    - You may raise your hands or make eye contact to signify the congregation is to join you when you get to the response.
* Universal Prayers – Deacon will read if they are assisting at Mass, if not the lector is to come back up to read.
* Preparation
  + Important to be prepared even if you are not scheduled, especially with only one lector scheduled.
  + Please read through the readings during the week before so you will feel comfortable with the readings. The Lector workbooks are available for you, please use them.
  + The announcements and universal prayers will be emailed to all lectors Friday afternoon to give you time to read over before arriving.
  + Please do not add anything to announcements from groups, etc. as all announcements are approved and the groups have been told when all the information is due.
  + Please be sure to sign in at least 15 minutes before your scheduled time, Lectors are encouraged to check to be sure a scheduled lector is here, if it is 10 minutes before Mass and no one is signed in, please volunteer for that Mass.