

Lectors

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. he was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

-John 1:1-5

General Decorum

- When seated in the sanctuary during Mass:
 - avoid crossing legs while sitting in the sanctuary, rather sit with your feet flat on the floor.
- Participate fully in song and other spoken responses.
- When the other Lectors and Priest-President are proclaiming the Word, face them as you are able.

Preparation During the Week

- Acquire a copy of the current Lector Workbook. They are located in the sacristy. A digital copy can be found on the “Current Liturgical Ministers” page of the parish website.
- Read the commentary for your assigned reading.
- Spend time in the week leading up to your assigned Liturgy in prayer and reflection.
- Practice your reading out loud in advance, keeping in mind the size of our (large!) church. Your pace should feel slow compared to normal cadences of speech.

Immediately Preceding Mass

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass starts.
- Check in through the MinistrySchedule Kiosk on the iPad.
- Lector 3 practice the Prayer of the Faithful and be sure to check name pronunciations for the Deceased.
- Check the ambo to make sure the Lectionary is there and open to the correct page.
 - If proclaiming the Prayer of the Faithful, make sure a copy is in the credence alcove in the sanctuary.
- Carry an Order of Worship with you in the procession so you can sing.

Procession

- Lector 1 carries the Book of the Gospels. (If you need help, one of the other Lectors can carry the Book for you.)
- Lectors 2 and 3 follow.

- Lector 1 does not reverence the Altar because they are carrying the Book of the Gospels.
- Lectors 2 and 3 make a bow toward the Altar before ascending into the sanctuary.
- Lector 1 places the Book of the Gospels standing up on its spine and slightly open so the assembly can see it, on the center of the Altar.
- All three Lectors take your seats just beneath the Ambo.

During Mass

- Listen and participate in Liturgy both in song and spoken responses.
- Lector 1 proclaims after the Glory to God and the collect
- Lector 2 wait for the Psalmist to come down from the Ambo before climbing the steps for the Second Reading.
 - At the 8:00 AM Mass, Lector 1 is responsible for proclaiming the Psalm
 - Proclaim the refrain
 - Lift your arm to invite the assembly to respond
 - Use a gesture and say the refrain with the assembly each time it reoccurs.
- Lector 3 proclaims the Prayer of the Faithful *after* the Creed.
 - Move up to the Ambo as the Priest-President is reading the instructions about the collection which follow the Creed.
- As soon as the Prayer of the Faithful are finished all Lectors may leave the sanctuary and be seated in the nave.