

PROCEDURE FOR DAILY MASS LECTORS

This lector procedure applies to Daily Mass at St. Nicholas Church.

The focus of the lector's ministry is always on two aspects of the Body of Christ – the Word proclaimed & the Assembly.

Prepare your reading, with prayer and practice to be familiar with it. Always wait until you have the attention of the people before you begin and wait at the end for their response before you look away.

RESPONSIBILITIES

There is only one Lector for Daily Mass

- Proclaim the First Reading
- Read the Responsorial Psalm
 - If there is a Cantor, the Responsorial Psalm will be sung
- Read the Universal Prayer

Before Mass

- Arrive early and check in with the presider. Confirm you know the correct readings to be used that day. Sometimes optional readings for feast days replace the readings of the day.
- Check that the Lectionary is on the Ambo and is open and marked with ribbon for the correct page.
- Check that the small burgundy Universal Prayer binder is on the shelf of the Ambo and the page is marked for the right date.
- Check that the Ambo microphone is on.
- Take your seat in the Assembly.
- Remember to read slowly and succinctly, pacing your reading so the assembly has time to hear, absorb, and reflect.

Greeting

Penitential Act (Kyrie / Lord Have Mercy)

Collect/Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

- After the Opening Prayer, when the people sit, go directly to the ambo without bowing.
- Look at the assembly and wait until you have their attention before announcing the reading: "A Reading from ..."
- Proclaim the scripture.
- Pause when finished. Then look at the assembly and announce "the Word of the Lord," and wait for their response.

Responsorial Psalm

- Turn to the Responsorial Psalm.
- Say "The Responsorial Psalm"
- Announce "The response is..." and say the response. Raise your hand to signal the assembly to repeat the response.
- Read the Psalm; pause after each stanza, raise your hand, and repeat the response out loud with the assembly.
- When finished, turn to the Gospel page. Leave the Lectionary open on the ambo for the presider.
- Without bowing, return to your seat in the assembly.

Gospel

Homily

Universal Prayer

- When the Homily ends, immediately proceed to the ambo, without bowing. Get the burgundy Universal prayer binder from the ambo shelf. Wait for the presider to say the opening prayer before reading.
- Wait for the presider to say the closing prayer before returning to your seat.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONCLUDING RITES