



Mass



- * When the priest is ready, the lector will process with the Book of the Gospels. Carry the book and hold it up a bit so that all can see it.
- * When you arrive at the altar, place it in the middle of the altar.
- * As the priest bows, you will also bow reverently, then go to your seat.
- * Lectors can sit anywhere, but try to sit near an aisle.

First Reading

- * After the opening prayer, and after the priest is seated, it is time for you to read.
- * Walk straight to the altar - slowly. Bow slowly and reverently.
- * When you arrive at the ambo, LOOK at the community gathered. Make sure they are ready to listen.
- * Maintain eye contact. Say, "A reading from the book of ____."
- * Read **slowly**. **Clearly project your voice**.
- * Read with enthusiasm! Don't be afraid to read with all the meaning the Word of God deserves.
- * **At the end of the reading PAUSE before you say, "The Word of the Lord" and say it with meaning.**



Second Reading

- * Wait for the cantor to finish the psalm.
- * After your reading, place the Lectionary on the shelf

Prayers of the Faithful - Intercessions

- * Please anticipate the time for the intentions and be in place ahead of time.
- * The lector should stand and start walking forward during the last line or two of the Creed. Wait on floor level until the Creed comes to an end.
- * When the Creed is completed, go to the ambo AS the priest introduces the petitions.
- * Please try to read the prayers with meaning. Read the intentions PRAYERFULLY and say the names of the parishoners slowly and clearly.
- * After each petition, pause slightly - then say "Let us pray to the Lord."
- * **When finished - DO NOT LEAVE! It is very important that you wait until the priest finishes the concluding prayer.**
- * **One last thought: Most lectors do not proclaim the Word strongly enough! Please speak strongly and clearly!!**