# **Dress Code for Lectors and Others Assisting at Holy Mass**

Those who are serving as Lectors at Holy Mass and all who serve in a public way in the liturgies of the Parish must dress in a manner consistent with the dignity of the service they offer. Please carefully read and observe the following dress code if you are assisting at Holy Mass as a Lector or in any other capacity (such as facilitating Children's liturgy of the Word or ushering etc.).

We ask that all those serving in liturgical ministries to come to church dressed in a way that makes one prepared to serve, even when not scheduled, so as to be able to serve if needed. If one does not come dressed according to this dress code, then one is to refrain from presenting oneself for service.

Modest and respectful dress is the norm to be observed. The Church is air conditioned so that all the faithful will be comfortable in dressing appropriately for Holy Mass. The dress code may require a person to dress for Mass differently than he or she might for the rest of the day. We kindly ask that you make this special effort as a part of your public service in the sanctuary or in any public manner.

### Dress Code

#### WOMEN:

- Dresses (at least knee-length) or Suits.
- Blouses/tops with skirts (at least knee-length) or full length slacks.
- Nice shoes with socks or hose.

\*No short skirts, low cut tops, tight clothing of any kind, shorts, halter tops or play clothes. Capri pants are also not appropriate as the length and casual style vary by make. No slits in the skirt. Backs, bellies and shoulders are to be covered. No athletic shoes or flip flops. Please wear a shrug, sweater or jacket over sleeveless attire

## MEN:

- Suits with collared dress shirt and tie or sport coat and tie are optimum.
- Collared dress shirt and dress slacks with business casual shoes and socks as a minimum.

\*No jeans, shorts, Tee-shirts, sports uniforms, athletic shoes.

## **Weekday Masses**

The dignity of the service being offered by those who read the Word of God at Mass or perform any service in the Sanctuary(or in any liturgical-related duties) remains the same for all Masses or public services(for instance, the priest vests the same at all Masses). Therefore, the minimum of "business casual" provided above (shirts/blouses with collars, full length slacks, nice shoes, etc.) worn with modesty and respect remain the standard to follow for all service in the Sanctuary or in public services.