

LECTOR GUIDE

❖ Before Mass:

- Rehearse the readings in the lector workbook before coming to church.
- Arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass
- Check the schedule in the sacristy to verify that you are scheduled
- Verify the readings are correct and the Gospel book stand is on the altar.
- In cases of confusion regarding the readings, consult the priest. If it is a long or short version MOST of the time we will go with the long version.
- The First Lector is generally 1st on the ministry sheet while the Second is 2nd but the lectors can decide between themselves who will do what.
- Place the lectionary on the ambo open to the first reading.

❖ During Mass:

- First Lector - After the Collect, come to the center of the sanctuary and make a profound bow to the altar. Even if you are seated on the sides it is a nice gesture to approach the altar from the front unless you are need of the handrail. Go to the ambo, proclaim your reading, turn the page to the second reading and return to your pew in reverse order.
- Second Lector - As the cantor is stepping away from the ambo, you too will approach the altar from the center of the sanctuary. Once you have proclaimed your reading please remember to place the Lectionary on the shelf in the ambo and then return to your pew in reverse order.

❖ Additions During Mass with no Deacon

- First Lector / Procession – process in front of the priest, at the steps move to the right of center. When the priest genuflects you will make a small bow of the head; the Book of the Gospels would not necessarily bow as well. As the priest rises walk to the front of the altar and place the Book of the Gospels in the holder. Return to your pew bowing to the altar
- Second Lector / Prayer of the Faithful – After the homily, and a short time for quiet reflection, we will stand to ‘confess the Creed’ unless there is a baptism. When the Holy Spirit is mentioned make your way to the ambo. It is a nice gesture to face the priest when he is praying his parts. After the conclusion, return to your pew in reverse order.

❖ After Mass:

- Bring the lectionary, binder with the prayer of the faithful, and the Book of the Gospels back to the Sacristy and tell Father goodbye.



Thank you for your ministry!

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