

LECTOR TRAINING SESSION
November 2010

I. PRELIMINARY PREPARATION

- A. Early in the week (Monday-Tuesday) become familiar with upcoming readings... read it out loud
 - i. do not memorize readings
 - ii. DO become familiar with them so you know them
 - iii. work on the pronunciation of difficult words.
- B. Mid-week, read the commentary on the readings found in Lector workbook

II. IMMEDIATE PREPARATION BEFORE MASS

- A. SIGN-IN BEFORE MASS ONLY AT ST. MARY SERVICES
- B. Check the Lectionary and be sure it is open to the correct reading.
---- There are 3 cycles or years to the Lectionary; A, B and C. Please be attentive to what cycle we are in (it is on your lector workbook) and be sure the Lectionary is open to the correct cycle.
- C. Review the Prayers of the Faithful for the Mass (if you have questions about pronunciation of last names, please ask Fr. Dan or Deacon Jerry for assistance.)
- D. Check with organist to see if singing Psalm response or if lector is to read it.

III. WORSHIP

- A. Walk in the processional entrance, holding Book of Gospels (Lectionary at Holy Cross) at chest level. Lector comes after the servers of light at St. Mary; and after the cross bearer at Holy Cross.
(If deacon is assisting at Mass, he will carry Book of Gospels.)
- B. Bow at foot of the altar, and then proceed to the ambo/pulpit placing Lectionary on it. Stay at ambo/pulpit during opening rites. When congregation is seated and quiet, begin reading.

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Worship continued...

- i. If you are carrying the Book of Gospels at St Mary's, place it in the holder on the altar then go to the ambo.) The Lectionary will always be on the ambo at St Mary's.
- C. Proclaim the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm (if not sung) and Second Reading. Between readings step back and silently recite the Lord's Prayer. Then step forward and proceed with the next reading. This leaves a respectful pause between readings and gives the congregation time to digest them. After last reading, bow to the altar and return to your seat.
- D. In the middle of the Profession of Faith/Creed, please come forward to the ambo/pulpit to proclaim the Prayers of the Faithful. You need to be at the ambo/pulpit by the completion of the Profession of Faith/Creed.
- E. After the Prayers of the Faithful have been completed, stay at the ambo/pulpit until the priest has finished the prayer to conclude the Prayers of the Faithful.
- F. No longer are the Lectors processing out at the conclusion of Mass. The rationale is we do not carry out the ciborium of consecrated hosts at the conclusion of Mass; rather we carry the body of Christ with us in our being, so too, we carry the Word of God with us in our minds and hearts as we go back out into the world.
- G. After the Mass has ended, please return the Book of Gospel's (St Mary's only) to the entrance of the church for the next service.

**When a deacon is present, he will process the Book of Gospels
and the lectionary will be on the ambo.**

**TO SERVE AS A LECTOR IS AN HONOR AND BLESSING.
YOU BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE LITURGY HELPING THE COMMUNITY
CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY OF CHRIST TO HIS PEOPLE.
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BY BEING ON TIME AND PREPARED.
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BE SURE YOU SIGN IN SO WE KNOW YOU ARE THERE AND READY TO READ.**