

LECTOR TRAINING

Do everything slowly and with reverence!

I. PRELIMINARY PREPARATION

- A. Early in the week read the commentary on the readings found in Lector workbook. Become familiar with upcoming readings... read them out loud. Practice them once, or twice, again before Mass
 - 1. Do become familiar with them so you know them
 - 2. Work on the pronunciation of difficult words.

II. IMMEDIATE PREPARATION BEFORE MASS

- A. SIGN-IN BEFORE MASS (ONLY AT ST. MARY)
- 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 Terry for assistance.
- D. Check with organist to see if cantor is singing the 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/cross bearer at St. Mary; after the cross bearer at Holy Cross. 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 should always be on the ambo at St. Mary's; check anyhow.
(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. Stay at ambo/pulpit during opening rites. When congregation is seated and quiet, begin reading.

C. **Proclaim** the First Reading, PAUSE Responsorial Psalm (if not sung) and PAUSE Second Reading.

1. Pause after the introduction of reading. Pause after last sentence in reading before saying "The word of the Lord"

2. It is important to **read very slowly**, almost painfully slow, using pauses as appropriate.

3. Use **emphasis** on appropriate words. **Speak as if you are present in the setting of the readings!**

Sit in the chair during the sung Responsorial Psalm. At end of Psalms, rise, step forward, pause, and **Proclaim** 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 in the pew.

D. Towards the end of the Profession of Faith/Creed (*We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church*), 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. Return to your seat in the pew.

F. No Lectors process out at the conclusion of Mass.

G. After the Mass has ended, please return the Book of Gospel's (St Mary's only) to the stand on the Altar.

TO SERVE AS A LECTOR IS AN HONOR AND BLESSING. YOU BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE LITURGY BY HELPING THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY OF CHRIST TO HIS PEOPLE.

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