

# LECTOR

# Instructions

## **PREPARATION:**

- The Lectors are encouraged to read and pray over the readings during the week prior to their scheduled mass. (Ideally all Lectors should do this every week in anticipation of being called upon to substitute)
- For Biblical names, refer to the pronunciation guide in the Sacristy.

***If you are unable to attend on a given day, it is your responsibility to phone and find a replacement. (See the Ministry Contact List)***

## **PRIOR TO THE ENTRANCE OR BEGINNING OF MASS:**

**Check in with the Mass Steward 15 minutes before Mass.**

- Check in is done by marking off your name on the schedule at the front entrance of the church.
- The Mass Steward may have found a replacement if a scheduled minister arrives late. If a replacement has been found, graciously take your seat within the congregation.
- Make yourself known to Mass Stewards, especially if you are a new minister.
- Read over the Opening and Closing Announcements and the Prayers of the Faithful so that you are comfortable with the content and pronunciation. Do not adjust the microphone at the Ambo, it will pick up your voice. However, the microphone at the lectern will have to be adjusted to your height. (Check with the music ministers if you require help with this.)
- The Ministry of Lector is shared by 2 people. If 2 people are not available and a replacement has not been found, then the one lector assumes all the duties.
- The Announcements and Prayers of the Faithful are read from the lectern by the choir.
- Lectors join together with the other Liturgical Ministers in the Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass for prayer.

## **ENTRANCE AND RECESSIONAL PROCESSIONS:**

*The Deacon will carry the lectionary in the entrance procession.*

- The order of procession is:
  1. Altar Servers
  2. 2 children from Children's liturgy carrying candles
  3. Deacon
  4. Celebrant

*If the Deacon is not present, then Lector A will carry the lectionary in the entrance procession.*

- The order of procession is:
  1. Altar Servers
  2. **Lector A**
  3. 2 children from Children's liturgy carrying candles
  4. Celebrant
- In the procession, Lector A holds the lectionary high. When the ministers reach the sanctuary, and when the celebrant takes his place in front of the altar, all bow toward the altar together. Lector A takes the lectionary to the ambo, opens it to the 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- All take their places in the congregation.

## **THE READINGS:**

When going to the ambo to do your reading, do not bow to the priest or the altar.

- Speak loudly and clearly. Speak a little louder than you would in ordinary conversation. **It is not necessary to adjust the microphone up or down as the current microphone has a wide range.**
- **After the Opening Prayer** by the celebrant, Lector A proceeds to the ambo for the First Reading. If children are leaving for their liturgy of the Word, wait until they have left before you begin.
- **After the First Reading** the lector says "The Word of the Lord" and then remains standing at the ambo for a short period of silence (count to 10 in your head) before stepping down from the ambo.
- **After the Psalm**, Lector B reads the Second Reading. It is not desirable to wait after the Psalm. Be in place at the Ambo and ready to read when the Psalm is finished. Do not wait in the pew.

The lector says "The Word of the Lord" and then remains standing at the ambo for a short period of silence (count to 10 in your head) before stepping down from the ambo.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

If the Deacon is not present, Lector A reads the Prayers of the faithful

Lector A goes to the lectern (by the choir) **during the last phrase** of the Creed so that you are in place and ready to begin the Prayers of the Faithful immediately following the Creed. Do not wait too long as the Celebrant cannot begin the introduction until you are in place at the Lectern.

- There are three parts to the Prayers of the Faithful:
  1. A brief introduction by the principal celebrant
  2. The reading of the prayers by the Lector
  3. St. Pius X Renewal Prayer.

**The lector should stay at the Lectern for all three parts.**

- After the Prayers return to your pew.

## **RECESSIONAL PROCESSION:**

None of the lectors are in the closing procession.

<b>Lector's Responsibilities'</b>			
<b>DEACON</b>		<b>NO DEACON</b>	
Opening Announcements	B	Opening Announcements	B
Procession		Procession ( <i>behind altar servers</i> )	A
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	A	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	A
Psalm ( <i>if not sung</i> )	A	Psalm ( <i>if not sung</i> )	A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	B
Prayers of the Faithful		Prayers of the Faithful	A
Closing Announcements	A	Closing Announcements	A

# **Thank you for your service!**