



Lector Guidelines

Appropriate Dress of Ministers

The ministry of a Lector is one of example and witness. Lectors at the very least should not allow their dress to be a distraction to the faithful. It should be the desire of Lectors to be examples of reverence and should therefore dress in a manner that is not revealing, profane or overly casual. Please avoid the following when you are scheduled to Lector

- T-Shirts
- Shorts
- Sneakers
- *Women* - bare shoulders and midriffs
- *Men* – Sleeveless shirts

Please be aware that you may be needed to serve at a Mass you are attending yet are not scheduled to Lector. It is requested that Lectors come to Mass dressed to serve.

Procedures – LECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO PREPARE READINGS BEFORE SUNDAY MASS

- Sign in on the sheet in the sacristy upon your arrival at church.
 - Wait for the Priest, Deacon and Altar Servers in the Gathering Space
 - If no deacon is present, the Lector carries the Book of the Gospels in procession
 - Upon reaching the altar the Lector lays the Book of the Gospels on the altar and steps down into the sanctuary.
- When proclaiming the Word of God
 - The Lector reverences the altar with a simple bow before the first reading.
 - The Lector proclaims with a strong voice and a moderate pace.
- If there is no Deacon, the Lector will read the General Intercessions from the ambo.
- The Lector follows the posture of the assembly throughout the Liturgy of the Eucharist while remaining in the sanctuary.
- The Lector **does not** assist as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion unless there is a lack of sufficient ministers.
- The Lector **does not** assist in the clearing of the Altar unless priest/deacon asks for assistance.
- The Lector follows in recession behind the servers.

Review Points for Lectors

- Proclaim the readings clearly and confidently.
- Do I spend time to preparing the readings.
- Is the pace of the readings too fast or too slow?
- Does my posture communicate the importance of what I am doing?
- Do I have any distracting gestures or mannerisms?
- Am I prepared to read the intercessions? Do I know how to pronounce names correctly?