

LECTORS

(Liturgical Ministers)

Lectors have a very special privilege and responsibility. They read the “Word of Our Lord” to the congregation at each Mass. According to the “Lector Workbook”, “The Word of God proclaimed in the Liturgy is a living Word with power to nourish and transform both those who proclaim it and those who hear it”. It is quite an honor to be a Lector/Reader of the Word.

At weekend Masses and Holy Days, there are two Lectors. At our weekday Masses, there is one. Each Lector receives a helpful Lector Workbook, which provides pronunciation help, and explains each of the readings. This helps the lector to understand the message and know exactly how to deliver the reading. The workbook makes it easy to prepare to do the readings at home, before Mass.

On Saturday and Sunday, the lectors should arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass to have time to review the Prayers of the Faithful and the Announcements for the day.

Each new lector will attend a short training (about 30 minutes). At first, the new lector is scheduled as Lector #2, and paired with an experienced Lector (#1), until he or she is feel comfortable in the role.

LECTOR #1 reads the announcements before Mass, greets our visitors and leads the congregation in praying the Memorare for World Peace. During Mass, Lector #1 reads the First reading, and leads the Prayers of the Faithful.

LECTOR #2 reads the Second reading and reads the announcements at the end of Mass. Also at that time, Lector #2 invites the congregants to share any birthdays, anniversaries or special achievements to be celebrated.