

Lector/Reader Guide for Mass

Good Shepherd Parish

First and foremost, be prepared. You are proclaiming the Word of God. Each year you are provided a Workbook for Lectors which gives all the readings for the year and explanations as well as pronunciations. If you are doing one reading, please prepare for both in case you will be required to fill in. If you cannot make it to a Mass you are scheduled for, thank you for finding someone to fill in for you as soon as possible.

The Lector/Reader should arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning and check in at the Sacristy. Be sure the readings are open to the correct page and marked. You may also review the reading at that time.

The Lector/Reader will read the pre-Mass announcements 5 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

The reader doing the first reading will carry up Gospel Book in the procession-do not wait to bring book to altar.

Place the book directly in the center of the altar. (At St. Josephs do not place on microphone)

Then the reader should go to appropriate seat in the sanctuary. If one reader, the reader stays for both readings as well as the prayers of the faithful.

After reading the prayers of the faithful the reader should go to sit with the congregation.

If two readers, the first reader stays in the sanctuary until finishes first reading and then goes to sit with congregation.

The 2nd reader will come up to do the reading and stay for the prayers of the faithful and then go down to congregation. If there is a 2nd reader, please try to sit close to the sanctuary to easily get to the lectern.

The reader does not take part in the closing procession.

*****If a deacon is present he carries the Gospel Book and does the general intercessions.*****

Thank you for your ministry.