

Revised Lector Duties:

As of June 14th, 2021

Being able to participate in the mass as a Lector at the Mass is a privilege and an honor. You are not merely reading: you are PROCLAIMING the Holy Word of God! The words of Sacred Scripture are truly living and the salvation history contained in these words are just waiting to be unleashed upon the hearts and minds of the people listening through your proclamation. It is important to take time throughout the week to prepare read, pray, study, work on pronunciations. If you look over the reading right before mass, it is too late. All readings can be found in the book in the sacristy (this has good context for the passage and also pronunciation guides!) or found on the “Daily Readings” tab at USCCB.org

Lector 1:

When adoration has concluded and the lights are turned on, Father will walk by with the servers and Lector 2. When this happens, read the first section of announcements: Welcome, the Sunday we are celebrating (i.e. the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time), and the mass intention. Return to your pew.

Lector 2:

Wait in the sacristy during benediction and then carry the Book of the Gospels to the back with Father and the altar servers. You will process down the aisle holding the book at about eye level.

When you approach the altar steps, wait, and then simply bow your head when Father genuflects.

Lector 1 and 2:

When the people are seated after the Collect (the opening prayer), approach the altar steps and wait until you both arrive. Make a profound bow then walk up to the ambo or the chair behind it.

Lector 1 proclaims the first reading, then is seated for the responsorial psalm. Lector 2 proclaims the second reading, places the lectionary on the shelf of the ambo, and then both exit the altar area back to their pews without bowing.

Lector 2:

At the words “I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church...” (the beginning of the last paragraph), approach the altar to read the petitions. This gives you enough time to get everything in order and for a smooth and quick transition.

Please plan on gathering in the sacristy with all the other ministers at exactly 5 minutes before every weekend mass for a prayer and blessing led by Father before we begin the liturgy. This strengthens our spirits and our bodies and reminds us that we all have a part to play as the one body of Christ.

Thank you so much for volunteering your time and skills to make this family operation work and to help bring the sacraments to this parish!! Remember, we are not going back to normal: we want to move forward to BETTER than normal with gratitude and joy for all the blessings God has given us.

Peace,
Father Jacob Rouse