



The Word of God

## The Ministry

### of Lector

Proclaims the readings at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and at other liturgical celebrations.

*“The word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”*

—Hebrews 4:12

## Parish Mission Statement

St. Bartholomew is a diverse Catholic community welcoming to all. Called to serve, we are united by faith, bonded by prayer, and committed to living the Gospel message.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturdays:** 5pm (Vigil)

**Sundays:** 8, 9:30 & 11am, 12:30 pm

**Monday – Friday:** 8am

## Pastor

Father Michael Reardon  
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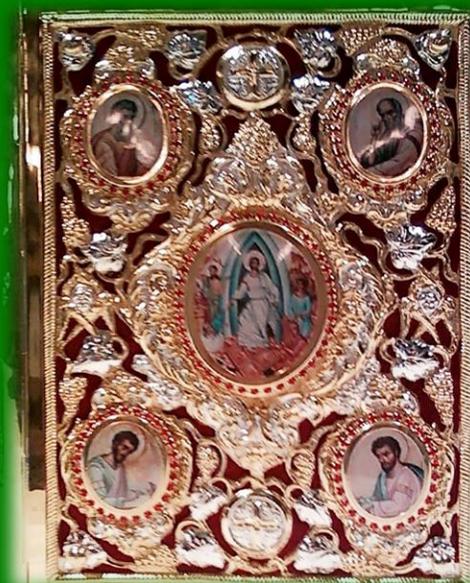


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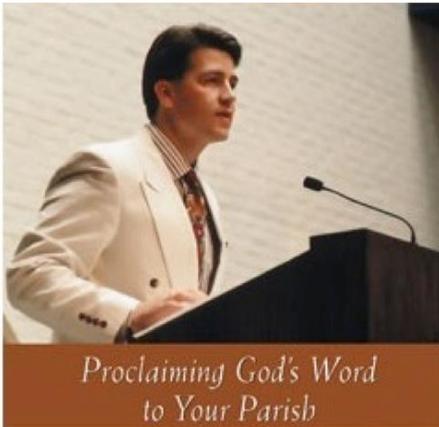
# LECTORS

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*“When Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people.”*

General Instruction  
of the Roman Missal, #29



## Preparation

**Spiritual:** Involves praying over the text and reflection on its meaning.

**Scriptural:** Involves understanding the text and sufficient oral interpretation to resonate with the assembly.

**Practical:** Involves mastering difficult words and pronunciations and practicing delivery of the text aloud.

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***“When the word is proclaimed in the Church and put into living practice, it enlightens the faithful through the workings of the Holy Spirit and draws them into the mystery of the Lord as a reality to be lived.”*** –Introduction to the

*Lectionary for the Mass, #47.*

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*“[Christ] is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church,”*

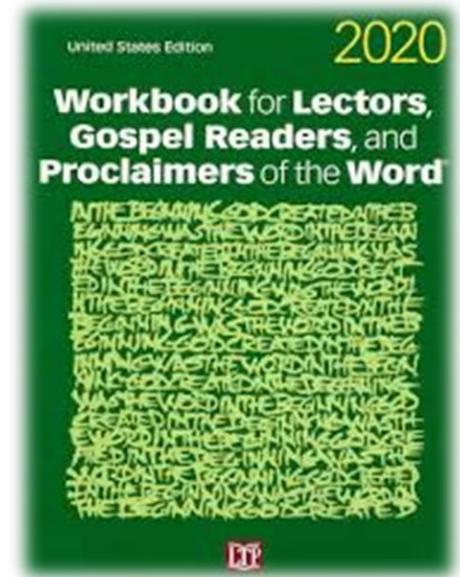
*–Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7.*

According to the ancient traditions of the Church the readings at Mass, other than the gospel, are proclaimed by lay ministers called lectors.

**Duties:** Carry the Book of Gospels during the liturgical procession at Mass, proclaim the first or second readings, as well as the Prayer of the Faithful.

**Frequency:** You will be scheduled to read once every four to six weeks, depending on which Mass you are assigned. You will alternate between the first and second readings.

**Preparation:** The schedule for the six weekend Masses is mailed to all lectors every three months. Volunteers are needed for Holy Days and extra Masses on Christmas and Easter.



*Lectionary workbook used for preparation.*

Lectors are fully-initiated, practicing Catholics whose lives bear witness to the Word, which they proclaim.

### **Interested in becoming a Lector?**

Contact the coordinator

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*Training will be arranged at your convenience.*