

SHRINE OF THE TRUE CROSS GUIDELINES FOR LECTORS

Preparation at Home

1. Study the readings in the Lector Workbook and in Scripture. It may be helpful to go over the reading in its larger context in the Bible setting.

Preparation at Church

2. Arrive at Church at least 15 minutes before Mass.

3. Sign in on the Ministers' Sheet in the sacristy.

4. Go to the ambo, adjust the mike; check that the Lectionary is open to readings; familiarize yourself with layout of the readings; read over the petitions. If no deacon is present, place the Book of the Gospels upright on the altar.

5. Take your seat near the Sanctuary.

Order of the Mass

6. *For daily Mass only:* The lector goes to the ambo before the procession begins and will lead the entrance antiphon *while* the priest and servers process to the sanctuary.

7. At the end of the Opening Prayer, step to the middle of the aisle, bow in reverence to the altar and proceed to the ambo.

8. Before reading, make sure the assembly is settled down. Wait if people are looking for seats

9. In the event that there is no music, (ie daily Mass) wait five to ten seconds before beginning the Psalm. Remember, reflective silence is an important part of our prayer.

10. Do not announce where readings can be found in the Missalette.

11. During the responsorial psalm, step back and be seated at the rear of the ambo.

12. After the second reading, place the Lectionary on the shelf in the Ambo, wait five to ten seconds and then return to *your* pew.

13. At the end of the creed, return to the ambo for the general intercessions. There is no need to bow at this point. Just walk unobtrusively to the ambo. If a deacon is present, he will read the intercessions.

14. *For daily Mass only:* The lector returns to the ambo to lead the communion antiphon . The antiphon is recited *while* the priest consumes the Body & Blood of Christ.