

# Lectors

## Before the Mass

- Lectors should arrive to Mass at least 15 minutes early properly prepared. This means know what readings you are doing and have read and practiced them ahead of time!!!
- Attire and appearance should be formal.
- Lectors should make sure the lectionary is set up to the appropriate readings and on the ambo, and that the intentions book is under the ambo as well. Its encouraged to practice these too!
- If a child lector is scheduled, decide who is doing which reading and help them practice. If needed, make sure the step stool is out.

## During the Mass

- Lectors are encouraged to walk with the procession- behind the servers and in front of the priest.
- When reaching the altar, the Lector should genuflect/bow and go to their seat.
- After the opening prayer, the Lector bows to the altar and goes to the ambo and reads the first reading.
- During the Psalm, the Lector may sit down by the servers/priest or stand near the gold grate. When two Lectors are present, after the first reading, the 1<sup>st</sup> Lector should make sure the page is set for the next reader and return to their seat.
- After the Psalm, the Lector delivers the second reading. When finished, be sure that the page is set to the Gospel for the priest and then return to the congregation.
- Toward the end of the Creed, the Lector should go to the ambo and prepare to read the intentions. After the prayer, read them clearly and when the priest finishes the final prayer, return to your seat.
- When the Mass is ended, once again join the procession behind the servers. Genuflect/bow to the altar along with the priest and process out. Be sure to bring the books back into the Sacristy before you leave.

## Helpful Hints....

Be sure to read clearly and at a steady pace. If you stumble over a word, try it again and then move on. Don't draw attention to a mistake or spend too much time on one word. Take your time and don't rush.