

Lector Workshop

Practical Hints

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to review the names in the Mass intentions and deceased as well as the readings and spend some time in prayer.
- Alleluia before the Gospel is sung. When is no cantor, it is omitted.
- Read with variation and emotion but do not over dramatize.
- Read at a good pace – not too fast and not too slow, pause for emphasis.
- Articulate clearly, emphasize words for meaning.
- Look up when reading, It's OK to use your finger to keep your place. When you pray with the scriptures ahead of time, it is easier to look up and make eye contact.
- During Advent and Lent, the Psalm antiphon will be sung, and the verses will be read by the lector.
- Never read without preparation. Take time to read and reflect on the passage for familiarity and confidence. There are scriptural word pronunciation hints and explanations in the Lector Workbook.
- Be sure your scriptural word pronunciation is correct.
 - Check difficult words particularly in the Old Testament
 - There is a pronunciation guide in each sacristy.
- When there is a deacon, please return to your pew after the second reading.
- After the second reading, put the Lectionary in its place. Be aware of the papers and books in the ambo, be careful not to disturb the homily.
- Dress respectfully.
- Scheduling – Make sure that your scheduled Mass is on your personal calendar and that if you are not available, you find a substitute. Make sure that the scheduling application is up to date.
- Prayers of the Faithful
 - Emailed out during the week so that you can review the readings and when there are optional readings, know which ones to practice.
 - Read over the names for the Mass intentions and those who have died in the binder, check pronunciation.
 - Be ready at the ambo with the book open to the right page when Father starts the Prayers of the Faithful.