

Helpful Information for Lector's

All movements in the liturgy are performed with dignity and grace; they are never hurried.

Lectors must ensure that the Lectionary (red book with the readings) is placed on the Ambo prior to mass.

At the time of the Liturgy of the Word, the lector:

- **Approaches the ambo slowly and with reverence**
- **Pauses before beginning the reading**
- **Remains in place after the reading for a brief period of silence**
- The announcement of the reading ("A reading from") and the ending, ("The Word of the Lord") should be distinguished from the reading itself. Lectors make this distinction by **observing a pause of two or three seconds** after the former and before the latter phrase. Both are stated in a matter of fact tone without special emphasis.

First Lector:

- **When walking up toward the Ambo to proclaim the first reading**, please go to the middle aisle, stop in front of the altar, bow, then proceed to the Ambo.
- **After proclaiming the first reading**,
 - The Psalm will be proclaimed from the Ambo.
 - Please meet the Cantor so that both of you can bow together in the middle aisle, in front of the altar as you move back to your seat.
- **When Deacon Wayne is not present**,
 - The first reader will carry in the Book of the Gospels during the entrance procession
 - Place the Book of the Gospels in the center of the altar far enough so that Fr. can kiss the altar when he comes in.

Second Lector:

- The Psalm will be proclaimed from the Ambo.
- **When walking up toward the Ambo to proclaim the second reading**, please meet the Cantor at the middle aisle. Stop in front of the altar and bow together with the Cantor, then proceed to the Ambo.
- **After proclaiming the second reading**,
 - Close the Lectionary and place it in a shelf within the ambo, so that the top of the ambo is clear and ready for the Gospel reading.
 - Please return to the middle aisle, stop in front of the altar, bow, then proceed back to your seat.
- **When Deacon Wayne is not present**,
 - The second reader will read the petitions from the ambo. Coordinate with the Sacristan as these should be reviewed before the liturgy begins.
 - Please move to the ambo during the last paragraph of the creed so that you are in place at the ambo and ready to read by the time Fr. introduces the intentions. If there is no Creed, go immediately to the ambo after the homily and start the intercessions as soon as the introductory prayer ends.
 - Please remain in place until Fr. has concluded the prayer, then return to your seat.