

## Lector Directions

### Directions before Mass

1. Arrive at the sacristy at least 10 minutes before Mass.
2. If there is no deacon, **Reader 1** carries in the Book of the Gospels and **Reader 2** reads the petitions.
3. **Reader 1** is to make sure the lectionary is on the ambo.
4. **Reader 1**, check to see whether the microphone is on.
5. If there is a need for another reader, find another. If you can't find one, then read the other reading yourself and make sure the items which need to be completed before mass are completed.
6. Use a reserved sign in the sacristy if you need to reserve your spot in the pew near the ambo. Your family is welcome to sit with you.

### Directions during Mass

1. Process in front of the priest and deacon. If there is a deacon, **Reader 1** and **Reader 2** process side by side. If there is no deacon, **Reader 1** processes behind **Reader 2** with the Book of the Gospels holding it chest level so you can just see over the top of it with your eyes.
2. If you don't have the Book of Gospels, genuflect (profound bow if you can't genuflect) when you get to the steps in front of the altar. If both readers are walking together genuflect or bow together.
3. If you have the Book of the Gospels, process up the steps, go around the altar, and place the Book of the Gospels face down, in the center of the altar.
4. Go to your pew.
5. After the opening prayer, **Reader 1** comes to the steps, makes a profound bow to the altar, and then goes to the ambo. If there is children's liturgy of the word, wait in your pew until the music stops before going to the ambo.
6. Announce the reading as it written: "A reading from the XXXX"; pause briefly; read the passage; pause briefly; and close with "The Word of the Lord". Step back and pause for the time it takes to say a "Glory Be". Do not turn the page for the second reader, the second reader will do this.
  - a. **If the Psalm is sung, the Reader 1** will bow with the cantor at the steps. The cantor will go to the ambo and say "number \_\_\_\_". Immediately after they say the number, the accompanist will begin. The cantor sings the psalm. Do not raise hand during Psalm. Looking up at the people will tell them when they are to respond.
  - b. At the completion of the psalm, step back and pause for the time it takes to say a "Glory Be". Then move to the bottom of the stairs, bow with the next lector and return to your seat.
  - c. **If the Psalm is not being sung, Reader 1** reads it and then returns to his spot. (You may need to help the congregation with the response and say it with them if needed.) Do not raise hand during Psalm. Looking up at the people will tell them when they are to respond.
7. After Psalm, **Reader 2**, leaves his pew (when the cantor moves), comes up to the steps, and makes a profound bow (with the cantor. He reads the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading following the same directions as Reader 1 did for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
8. When finished with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the reader takes the book (lectionary), and put it on the ledge.
9. Return to your pew after making a profound bow at the bottom of the steps.
10. **If there is no deacon**, then after the creed, **Reader 2** will read the petitions. When the priest indicates it is time for the petitions, go to the steps, make a profound bow to the altar, and go to the ambo.
11. After you read an intention, look up at the people and say, "We pray to the Lord".
12. After petitions, wait for the priest to finish his prayer and then go back to your seat after making a profound bow at the bottom of the steps. You can leave the petition book on the ambo.
13. You will not process out at the end of Mass. So, you may remain in your pew.