

# LECTORS

## Preparation

- Obtain copies of readings
- Read and reread readings
- Use Pronunciation guide located in the sacristy

## Arrive Early (20-25 minutes)

- Check readings in the Lectionary
- Look over the General Intercessions
- Check pronunciation of difficult words
- Check position of microphone

## Voice

- Number one tendency is to read too fast. Read a little slower than conversational speech.
- Pronounce words clearly.

## Appearance

- Wear “Church” attire
- Be sure jewelry and hairstyles are not distracting
- Use good, relaxed posture, neither stiff nor careless

## Lectoring

1. Sit on the Ambo side of the church if at all possible. This way you will be closer to the area you are ministering from. On specific feasts or holy days, Father may ask you to process the Gospel Book into the church at the beginning. He will give you detailed directions for doing this at that particular time. After the Collect or Opening Prayer, approach the ambo by first bowing to the altar as you enter the sanctuary. Begin your reading by speaking clearly the introduction, “A reading from...” At the conclusion of the reading, pause briefly, then proclaim: “The Word of the Lord,” using good eye contact.

1. Arrive early (no less than 20 minutes before Mass is scheduled to begin) on the days you are scheduled to serve. USHER badges will be lo-

2. After the first reading, step back from the microphone, sit down in the empty chair next to the altar server allowing the cantor to lead the congregation in the responsorial psalm from the ambo. (Should there not be a cantor and you are asked to read the psalm, pause after the first reading before beginning the psalm and then again after the psalm prior to beginning the second reading). After the cantor leaves the ambo, then step up into it again for the second reading.

3. The second reading begins: “A Reading from the Book of...”

4. Conclude the second reading in the same manner as the first reading using good eye contact.

5. Leave the ambo and as you reach the carpeted area, turn and bow reverently toward the altar, and return to your pew.

6. After the profession of Faith, lead the Prayers of the Faithful or General Intercessions. Please do not ad lib or make up additional prayers without consulting with the presider.