

The Ministry of Lector (version 3)

Before Mass

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.

Find and review the readings in the Lectionary and the Prayers of the Faithful.

Check with the musicians regarding whether the Responsorial Psalm is to be spoken by you or sung by the musicians.

Entrance Procession .

Follow the servers. Hold the Book of the Gospels aloft with both hands over your head. The front of the Book of the Gospels should be facing out. At the sanctuary wait along with servers, stay to the left of the Priest, as we all bow. Proceed straight to the altar and place the Book of the Gospels on the altar, standing with the cover facing the congregation .

Step down from the sanctuary and take your seat with your family toward the front.

During the Liturgy of the Word.

After the Opening Prayer approach the altar from the center aisle. At the step bow, turn right, walk in front of the lectern and go up turning left .

Begin reading:”A reading from the book of ...

Please **do not say** “first reading from ...

Please pause and look at the assembly before you say: The word of the Lord.”

When the reading is finished, step back one step from the lectern/ambo and pause. Step forward and begin the Responsorial Psalm reading clearly the refrain. As you repeat the refrain look up to the assembly.

After the Psalm, go straight into the second reading. Begin reading: A reading from ...

(same instructions as for the first reading)

When the reading is finished, pick up the open Lectionary, step down from your left and place it on the stand in front of the lectern/ambo. Continue to the center of the aisle, stop facing the altar, bow and return to your seat.

The alleluia is never recited. The Presider should lead the singing of this.

Towards the end of the recitation of the Creed, the lector will approach the lectern/ambo. Do not wait until the conclusion of the Creed.

Lead the Prayer of the Faithful. Step back from the lectern?