

## Lector Instructions

November, 2016

These instructions are for weekend and Holy Day masses.

### **For Daily Mass:**

- Read the Entrance Antiphon
  - This can be found in the Lectionary right before the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
  - Read the Communion Antiphon **After the Lamb of God**
  
- Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.
  - If you arrive 5 minutes before mass, join the congregation. Either your lector partner will read your reading or a replacement has been found.
  - Place the Lectionary on the Lector ambo – the book can be found in the cabinet in the vesting sacristy.

### **For Weekend masses:**

- Coordinate with your Lector partner to do the following:
  - Who will do the:
    - Greeting
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
    - Prayers of the Faithful – When a Deacon is not present
      - Familiarize yourself with the prayers. There is usually a copy on the counter in the vesting sacristy. If you are to read the prayers, use the binder called “Prayers of the Faithful”
        - The binder can be placed on the shelf of the Lector ambo
    - Carry the Book of Gospels - Please note this will happen **ONLY** when the Deacon is not at mass.
      - If you are the only Lector and the Deacon is not present, let Jeremy know so that he can wait a minute or two before starting the opening hymn. This will give you time to get from the Cantor stand to the back of the Church.
        - It is ok to place the Book of Gospels at the back of the Church prior to mass. The gifts table is the best place to leave it.

- **At Mass**

- If you are in the procession carrying the Book of the Gospels, the line-up will be:
  - Acolyte with the cross
    - If there is an altar server, they will walk beside the cross
  - The Book of the Gospels
    - The Celebrant
- When you get to the steps of the Altar:
  - Bow
  - Walk up, around the Altar, and place the Book of Gospels in the middle of the Altar.
  - Walk down the steps, bow again, and return to your seat.

- **When two lectors are present**

- Sit in the first 5 pews – it does not matter which side of the isle
- **The 1<sup>st</sup> Lector will:**
- Approach the altar and bow to the Tabernacle.
- Walk up the middle of the staircase (-if that is not possible, after bowing, use the steps to the side of the Lector ambo)
- Once you get to the Lector ambo, turn and bow to the celebrant
  - If needed, pull down the step that is on the Lector ambo
- When you have finished the reading:
  - Wait a few moments before reading “The Word of the Lord”. This will give the congregation time to reflect on the reading.
  - Put the step back up (unless your Lector partner also needs the step)
  - Bow once again to the celebrant
  - Go down the stairs and bow to the Tabernacle
  - Return to your seat

- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lector will:**
- Approach the altar and bow to the Tabernacle.
- Walk up the middle of the staircase (-if that is not possible, after bowing, use the steps to the side of the Lector ambo)
- Once you get to the Lector ambo, turn and bow to the celebrant
  - If needed, pull down the step that is on the Lector ambo
- When you have finished the reading:
  - Wait a few moments before reading “The Word of the Lord”. This will give the congregation time to reflect on the reading.
  - Put the step back up
  - Bow once again to the celebrant
  - Go down the stairs and bow to the Tabernacle
  - Return to your seat

**Prayers of the Faithful – are read right after The Creed**

- If the Deacon is not present:
  - When you hear, “I believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church”
    - Approach the Altar
      - Bow to the Tabernacle, bow to the celebrant
      - After the opening prayer Read the prayers
      - Remain on the Altar until the final prayer which concluded the Liturgy of the Word portion of the mass
- If you are the only Lector:
  - Take a seat on the Altar after the first reading
  - After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, you may remain on the Altar until after you have read the Prayers of the Faithful. After the final prayer, you may return to your seat for the remainder of the mass