



Lector Rules

(Updated February 2017)

At Home

- Dress appropriately. No jeans, sneakers, or other casual wear.
- Studying your reading before you arrive.

Before Mass

- Check the bulletin board and sign in at least 15 minutes before Mass.
- Verify that the marked passage at the ambo matches what you studied.
- (Lector 2) Read over the Prayers of the Faithful in the green folder.

Mass

1. In the entrance procession, Lector 2 follows the altar servers.
2. Lector 1 follows Lector 2.
3. If no deacon serves, Lector 1 carries the Book of the Gospels, chin high, arms partially extended.
4. Lector 2 processes directly to his seat without stopping to bow.
5. If he has the Book of the Gospels, Lector 1 processes up the right-hand side of the altar, walks behind it, and places the Book of the Gospels in the stand. He then goes directly to his seat without bowing.
6. When it is time for the readings, Lector 1 reads the 1st reading, saying only what is printed on the page in front of him.
7. After the Responsorial Psalm, Lector 2 reads the 2nd reading, saying only what is printed on the page in front of him.
8. Lector 2 closes the Lectionary and carries it to the vessel table. He places it on the right hand side, squared with the table's edge.
9. Walk up to the Ambo just about toward the end of the Creed, if no deacon serves, Lector 2 leads the Prayer of the Faithful.
10. At the end of Mass, lectors line up side-by-side, facing the tabernacle, in front of the altar servers. Watch for Father to cue everyone to turn and process out.