

LECTOR MINISTRY

1. What is a Lector?

- A Lector is a person who proclaims the word of God in a way where the message is clearly conveyed to the congregation.
- A Lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel.
- A Lector is the person who proclaims the first or second reading at Mass and, in the absence of a psalmist, recite the Psalm between the readings and the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass in the absence of the deacon.
- Demonstrate a deep reverence for and devotion to holy Scripture.
- Possess the requisite abilities and temperament to carry out their assigned duties.

2. Qualities of a good Lector:

- a. Must confess your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- b. Must receive Holy Communion regularly.
- c. Must observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- d. Must provide for the material needs of the Church (tithing).
- e. Must observe the marriage laws of the Church (Be married in the Catholic Church).

- f. Good public speaking abilities — a good Lector needs voice -- LSD (be loud, slow and distinct).
- g. An appreciation and love of scripture.
- h. The Lector must believe that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God and have deep respect for God's presence in that Word.
- i. Be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith, and morals.

3. Responsibilities of a Lector:

- a. Practice your reading daily a week before your assigned date to Lector.
- b. Arrive at least 15 minutes before mass starts.
- c. Check the lectionary to ensure the correct readings are set.
- d. Join the prayer before mass at the sacristy.
- e. Process before and after mass with other liturgical ministries.
- f. If Deacon is not present:
 - i. Lector 1 processes with Gospel.
 - ii. Lector 2 reads the prayers of the faithful.
- g. After the mass, Lectors are tasked to put away the lectionary, gospel book, and Roman Missal after each mass except for the 7:30am mass.

4. Requirements to be a Lector:

- a. Must be at least 16 years old.
- b. Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- c. Ability to serve at scheduled masses or arrange for a substitute if unable to fulfill an assignment.
- d. Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- e. All new Lectors must receive practical training of proclamation in our parish and opportunity for practice and critique. No person, no matter how well educated or trained, may be excused from formation for the ministry of lector.

5. Dress Code:

- a. For Women:
 - i. No spaghetti straps or sleeveless clothes, tube tops, plunging necklines, miniskirts / mini dresses, see through or ripped clothing.
- b. For Men:
 - i. No shorts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, flipflops or ripped clothes.

6. Lector ministry leaders and their contact information:

- a. Head Coordinator: Roman Terry

- i. Cell: 808-218-4143
- b. Vice Coordinator: Maria Manosca
 - i. Cell: 808-721-6741
- c. Mass Leaders:
 - i. Saturday 5PM: Mark Dannog
 - ii. Sunday 7:30AM: Edward Lomongo
 - iii. Sunday 9:30AM: Susan Solomon
 - iv. Sunday 5PM: *Vacant (Need a volunteer)*

Prayer for Lectors

Praise to you, Lord God,
king of the universe,
and all glory to your name.

I praise you and thank you for calling me
to proclaim your word to your beloved people.
Open the hearts of all who worship with us,
so that they may hear your voice when I read.
Let nothing in my life or manner disturb your people
or close their hearts to the action of your Spirit.
Cleanse my heart and mind,
and open my lips so that I may proclaim your glory.
All praise to you, heavenly Father,
through the Lord Jesus in the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

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