

Lector's Guide

1. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes before Mass
- 2 Check the lectionary to make sure it is set to the readings you practiced.
3. Check the announcements and Prayers of the Faithful books and familiarize yourself with what you will be reading.
4. Once you have reviewed all that you will be reading at Mass, place the lectionary, and Prayers of the Faithful on the podium.
5. On the hour, go to the podium and begin the announcements for that Mass. (**Speak directly into the microphone and loud enough that people in the back can hear you**)
6. When you are done with the announcements, take the announcement book back into the sacristy with you and leave it there.
7. Go to the back of the church in order to take part in the opening procession.
8. Your place in the procession is always immediately behind the altar servers.
9. Follow the servers all the way to the foot of the sanctuary. Wait for the priest to reach the steps of the sanctuary and bow toward the altar when he bows. Then head to where you will be seated.
10. Once the Opening Prayer is concluded proceed to the podium for the first reading. (**Speak directly into the microphone and loud enough that people in the back can hear you**)
11. After the first reading proceed to the chair directly behind you as we pray the Psalm.
12. After the Psalm proceed to the podium again for the second reading. . (**Speak directly into the microphone and loud enough that people in the back can hear you**)
13. After the second reading return to your seat in the congregation.
14. Toward the end of the Creed (after the homily) proceed to the podium for the Prayers of the Faithful . (**Speak directly into the microphone and loud enough that people in the back can hear you**)
15. After the Prayers of the Faithful return your seat in the congregation
16. After the final prayer and blessing at the end of Mass, proceed to the foot of the sanctuary and bow in unison with the priest and servers and then take part in the procession out of church.