



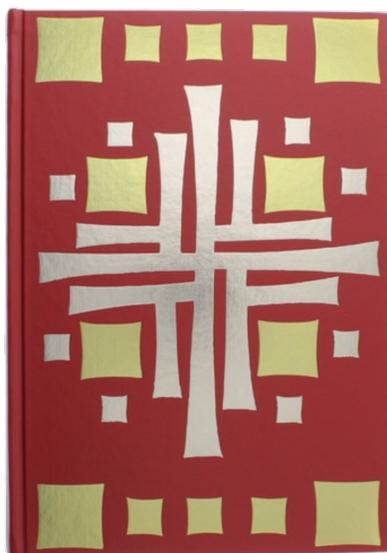
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LITURGICAL MINISTER GUIDELINES



LECTORS

2020 Update



WELCOME

Lectors have the incredible privilege to bring the Word of God to life through proclaiming scripture and reading prayer. Your full and active participation in this ministry is vital to its success.

Scripture Reflection

Ezekiel 3:1-3

*Feed your stomach and fill your belly with this scroll I am giving you.
I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.*



MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

As with all Liturgical Ministries, everything should be done in the context of the Mass itself. As a Lector, your role fits into the Mass as follows:

- Before Mass** *Arrive at least fifteen minutes early to the Sacristy.
Ensure the Lectionary is set up at the Ambo.
Leave the Petitions at your seat or with a family member.
Pray with the other ministers outside of the Sacristy.
Join the Procession line at the Church doors.*
- Procession** *(FIRST READER)
Carry the Book of the Gospels either at chest-level OR
over your head. (Do what is comfortable for you.)
Bow to the altar at the base of the Sanctuary steps.
Walk up FIRST into the Sanctuary, placing the Book of the
Gospels upright in the stand on the Altar.
Leave the Sanctuary in a respectful way, being sure to
bow toward the Altar if crossing in front of it to your seat.*
- Opening Prayer**
- Penitential Act or Sprinkling Rite (Easter)**
- Gloria (Ordinary Time, Christmas, and Easter)**
- Collect** *As soon as Father says, "Let us pray," begin making your
way to the foot of the Sanctuary. After "Amen," bow to
the Altar and enter the Sanctuary.*

First Reading *Proclaim the First Reading from the Lectionary.
When finished, turn the page for the next Reading, if
necessary.
Make your way back to your seat.*

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading (SECOND READER)
*When the Cantor has left the Ambo, make your way up.
Bow to the Altar before entering the Sanctuary.
Proclaim the Second Reading from the Lectionary.
When finished, close the Lectionary and place it on the
Credence Table.
Make your way back to your seat.*

Gospel Acclamation/Gospel Reading/Homily

Creed *At the end of the Creed, move to the foot of the Sanctuary
with the Petitions so that you may be in place at the ambo
by Father's intro. Remember to bow to the Altar before
entering the Sanctuary.*

Prayer of the Faithful

*Father begins with a short prayer.
Wait at the Ambo until Father concludes the Prayer of the
Faithful with another short prayer.
Make your way back to your seat.*

Presentation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction Rite (Lamb of God)

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Final Prayer/Final Blessing

Recession

After Mass *Make sure the Lectionary is put back in the Sacristy.
Take the Book of the Gospels back to the Sacristy.*

TIPS FOR LECTORS

Here are a few helpful pointers from seasoned members of this Ministry:

1. Practice, practice, practice!
2. Do not be afraid to test out the microphone ahead of time.
3. Read the Petitions before Mass and ask for help with pronunciations of tricky names.
4. Diction and pronunciation is very important.
5. Use your Workbook for help with tricky pronunciations.
6. Use this pronunciation: “Uh” *Reading from the Book of...* (Not “ay.”)
7. Be sure to speak slowly and pause; inflection and pace are important.
8. Use the proper emotion in your voice that the reading calls for.
9. Familiarity with scripture is helpful; consider joining a Bible Study to help.
10. Pray as you prepare for your readings.



LITURGICAL MINISTER DRESS CODE

Conservative – Modest – Polished – Respectful – Versatile

“In him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28)

Liturgy is **LIVING!** Keep in mind that we **sit, stand, bow, genuflect, and move around** in a variety of ways during Mass. **Clothing choices for Mass should reflect the five points above during every ritual action that we do.**

“Raise your eyes and look...” (Zechariah 5:5)

Liturgical Ministers should remember they are at a height when in the Sanctuary from the vantage point of those in the pews.

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour...” (Matthew 25:13)

Remember you may be called upon “in the moment” to minister at weekend Mass! Always **be prepared** and choose clothes to wear for Liturgical Ministry every weekend, even when you are not “on.”