

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD OF GOD

General Practice

- Two (2) readers will be assigned to each Mass
 - Reader 1
 - Proclaims the first reading
 - At that the 4pm and 8am Masses also proclaim the verses of the psalm.
 - In the absence of a deacon, carries the Book of the Gospels in procession
 - Reader 2
 - Proclaims the second reading
 - In the absence of a deacon, reads the Prayers of the Faithful / General Intercessions
 - Immediately prior to Mass, welcomes the congregation, makes any announcements and leads the community in the recitation of three (3) Hail Mary's for the intentions of priestly vocations, military personnel, and our parish

Before Mass

Remote Preparation

- Prayerful review the **all** the readings
 - Be prepared for the occasion in which one may need to proclaim the first reading, psalm, and second reading
- Use available resources to assist with understanding, pronunciation, speech production and linguistic content.

Immediate Preparation

- Report to sacristy to indicate presence
- Check the lectionary on the ambo to ensure the readings are correct
- Review the General Intercessions
- Review announcements
- Sit with family or friends in a convenient location

During Mass

- From the cantor stand, five (5) minutes before the start of Mass, Reader 2 will welcome the people, read announcements and lead the congregation in prayer
 - After the prayers, Reader 2 will return to his/her seat with the congregation
- In the absence of a deacon, Reader 1 will carry the Book of the Gospels in procession.
 - Reader 1 will enter the sanctuary from the right, place the Book of the Gospels face down centered on the altar, and take his/her place near the altar servers
- After the introductory rite, Reader 1 will proceed to the ambo to proclaim the first reading. (Any reverence made during this move is to the Altar, thus it is done so by a simple bow.)
 - At the 4pm and 8am Masses, Reader 1 will remain at the ambo to proclaim the verses of the psalm
 - Following the reading(s), Reader 1 returns to his/her seat with the congregation. (Any reverence made during this move is to the Altar, thus it is done so by a simple bow.)
 - At the 4pm and 8am Masses, Readers 1 and 2 will meet in the center and bow together to the Altar.
 - In the event that there is only one (1) reader, Reader 1 will remain in the sanctuary to proclaim the second reading.
- After the Psalm is proclaimed, Reader 2 will proceed to the ambo to proclaim the second reading. (Any reverence made during this move is to the Altar, thus it is done so by a simple bow.)
 - Following the reading, Reader 2 will
 - *when a deacon is present*, return to his/her with the congregation. (Any reverence made during this move is to the Altar, thus it is done so by a simple bow.)
 - *in the absence of a deacon*, remain in the sanctuary moving to his/her place near the altar servers. Following the recitation of the Creed, Reader 2 will return to the ambo to read the Prayers of the Faithful / General Intercessions.
 - After the Prayers of the Faithful, Reader 2 returns to his/her seat with the congregation. (Any reverence made during this move is to the Altar, thus it is done so by a simple bow.)
- Note: Readers will not recess at the conclusion of Mass