

Lector Procedures

One important change that is being implemented is having two lectors at each Mass. The tasks of each lector are explained below, but in the event that one of the two lectors does not show up, the other lector will perform all of the tasks.

Tasks of the Lector

- Preparation
- Lector 1 processes in with the Book of the Gospels
- First reading (Lector 1)
- Second reading (Lector 2)
- Prayer of the Faithful/Intercessions (Lector 1)
- Announcements (Lector 2)

Preparation/Procession

- Both lectors should arrive about 10 minutes early and meet in the Sacristy to coordinate the duties. (Lector 1 is responsible for making sure the Lectionary book is on the ambo and the Intentions/announcements are under the ambo before Mass begins).
- If there is a deacon assisting, the lectors will only read the First and Second Readings.
- If there is no deacon assisting, the lectors should do the following:
 - ✓ Lector 1 will process in after the altar servers with the Book of the Gospels.
 - ✓ Once at the foot of the altar, pause and give a head bow and proceed directly onto the altar and place the Book of the Gospels in the book stand. (The Book of the Gospels should be facing the congregation). Turn and walk reverently to your seat. Do not wait for the priest to arrive.
 - ✓ Note: Father Ford does not use the Book of the Gospels. When serving as Father Ford's lector, make sure the Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar before Mass and the Lectionary book put on the ambo. The lector will not process in when Father Ford celebrates Mass. (The GIRM states that the Lectionary book is not to be carried in procession).
- When the lectors arrive on the altar before their first reading, reverence the altar by making a deep bow towards it, before proceeding to the ambo for your first reading. (That deep bow will be your final bow for the Mass) .
- While you are proclaiming, the Lectionary book should remain flat on the ambo.
- When you finish proclaiming the reading, make eye contact with the assembly and pause for a moment before you close with "The Word of the Lord".
- Turn the page to the second reading and return reverently to your seat.
- The second reading should proceed in essentially the same way as the first reading.