

## Lectors -- St. George

*We schedule two lectors for weekend Masses. Lector #1 carries in the Book of the Gospels (unless the Deacon is there, and then he does) and proclaims the first reading (and if the responsorial Psalm will not be sung, proclaims also the Psalm). Lector #2 will proclaim the second reading and the Prayer of the Faithful (if the Deacon is there, then he will do the Prayer of the Faithful).*

### Preparation

1. Use one of the Lector's workbooks in the sacristy to help you pronounce the words, and to get a grasp of the reading's meaning.
2. Practice
3. Pray
4. Dress nice
5. Do not chew gum

### Execution of the Ministry

1. Come to the sacristy at least 10 minutes before Mass to get the Lectionary, and the Prayer of the Faithful.
2. Place the Lectionary on the ambo, then return to the sacristy for the Book of the Gospels
3. Carry the Book of the Gospels in the procession, following the Crossbearer. At the step before the sanctuary, pause and bow your head to the altar. Without waiting for the servers or priest, walk around the altar and place the Book of the Gospels, closed, in the middle of the altar. Then go to your seat.
3. When all sit down, approach the sanctuary and make a profound bow (at the waist) to the altar, then go to the ambo.
4. Be sure to adjust the microphone and speak into it clearly, distinctly and slowly.
5. Never say: "The first reading is..." or "The responsorial Psalm is..." Simply read the introduction: "A Reading from the Book of the Prophet..."
6. If the choir will be singing the responsorial Psalm, then return to your seat, mirroring how you approached (if a cantor is going up to sing the Psalm, make a profound bow to the altar together).
7. If the Psalm is not being sung, then Lector #1 will proclaim the Psalm, too. After the Psalm, return to your seat, mirroring your approach. If possible, make the profound bow (from the waist) to the altar together with Lector #2 as he/she approaches for the second reading.

### Prayer of the Faithful

1. When we get to "I believe in the Holy Spirit" part of the Creed, approach the sanctuary, make a profound bow (from the waist) to the altar and approach the ambo. This way you are ready, when Father introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.
2. Read each petition slowly and distinctly. Pause for a couple of seconds before saying, "We pray to the Lord."
3. When finished, turn to Father and bow your head, while he concludes with a closing prayer.
4. After the closing prayer, return to your seat, making a profound bow (from the waist) to the altar.