

Lectoring At Christ The King (Revised Feb 2022)

The Lector is one who proclaims the Word of God by reading the scripture readings at Mass. Anyone who is a Confirmed Catholic may participate as a lector. Training is provided, and a guidebook is provided to understand and prepare for readings. Lectors may commit to doing one or two weekends during any particular month. You can sign up for the Mass time and dates that works best with your schedule.

Procedures For Lectors

1. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. You may wait in the Gathering area before Mass starts. Check the lectors book in the sacristy to look over the petition prayers and announcements. Check with Father about pronunciations of difficult names. Check to see if the Psalm Responsorial will be sung by choir or recited by you the Lector.
2. The Lector is may choose to sit on the altar behind the ambo, or you may sit in the pew near the Holy Family. You should check the book on the ambo to be sure the correct page is open, look over the readings. (It has happened that the wrong book or page has been on the podium-making it a sudden problem if you don't prepare ahead of Mass)
3. Carry in the book of Gospels (held above your head) in the entrance procession. Take it directly to the altar and return to bottom step to genuflect with ministers. After the Gloria and priest says the opening prayer (everyone is seated) you will remain standing...and proceed up to the ambo. Read the First reading, (if the choir sings the Psalm-you may go back to your seat. If not- you will read the Psalm response)
4. After you complete the second reading, put book in holder below, return to your seat.
5. After the Profession of Faith, approach the ambo to do the prayer-petitions. Afterwards, return to your seat.
6. During the Our Father- we no longer hold hands with the Priest and altar servers on the altar. Just stay in your seat.
7. After the communion prayer, approach the microphone down on the floor to do the announcements. You may need to check the mic to make sure it is turned on.
8. At the end of Mass you may go out with the priest in the final procession. As Father begins to leave the altar, you may walk around the front of the ambo to join him at the bottom of the steps.