

LECTORS: READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READER:

1. The people will pray the Gloria after the Kyrie. After praying the Gloria, the priest will read the Collect. When the priest finishes the Collect, the Focus reader will step up to the pulpit and read the introduction for the Liturgical readings. The First reader should stand up when the Focus reader finishes reading and meet the reader at the bottom of the stairs and bow together and step up to the pulpit.
2. **FIRST READING**
 - a. Start by saying “The First Reading is...” and then read everything under the words First Reading. At the end of the reading, you will say “The word of the Lord.”
3. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**
 - a. Tell the people, “the Responsorial Psalm Response is...” then read the response and raise your hand palm up at shoulder height and the people should repeat the Response Psalm. Start reading.
 - b. At the end of each paragraph, you should raise your hand as noted above.
 - c. When you have finished, walk down to the bottom of the stairs and wait for the Second reader, bow together and return to your pew.

SECOND READER:

1. When the First reader finishes the Responsorial Psalms, stand up and meet the First reader at the bottom of the stairs, bow together and step up to the pulpit.
2. **SECOND READING**
 - a. Start by saying “The Second Reading is...” then read everything under the words Second Reading. At the end of the reading, you will say “The word of the Lord.”
3. **ALLELUIA**
 - a. The people will sing Alleluia. When they finish, you read the one-sentence without the Alleluias. The only time you would read the Alleluias is when there is no one playing music.
 - b. When the people start singing the last Alleluia after your one sentence, you should turn to the priest and motion if he would like you to bring the book to the altar for the gospel. It is best if you ask the priest before mass if he prefers to read the gospel from the altar. You can now return to your pew.

ALL READERS SHOULD ADJUST THE MIKE TO THE RIGHT HEIGHT WHEN THEY STEP UP TO THE PULPIT. DON'T HAVE YOUR HEAD TURNED TO READ THE RIGHT SIDE PAGE. YOUR TALKING AWAY FROM THE MIKE. SLIDE THE BOOK LEFT.

SPEAK SLOWLY. HAVE PAUSES IN LONGER SENTENCES.

READERS OF THE LITURGY SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CHAPEL BETWEEN 4:30 TO 4:45 PM