

Orientation for Lectors

In the beginning was the word,
and the word was with God,
and the word was God...Jn. 1:1-6

Preface: In the Mass is the table of both the word and the Eucharist from which the faithful may be instructed and refreshed – Roman Missal #28 (the Ambo and the Altar)

The Lector is the mouthpiece of Our Lord through Scripture. Scripture is God Himself speaking to his peoples and Christ present in his own words.

Commissioned lay minister.

The Book of Gospels and the Lectionary.

Sunday Lectionary: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and ordinary time. (A, B, C)

Weekday Lectionary: Two-year cycles.

During Ordinary Time: Matthew, Mark, and Luke then John Easter and other seasons.

Role of Lector during Mass: Join Precession. Share the Readings. Lead the Psalm Refrain. Optional (Deacon Present) Read the Prayer of the Faithful.

It is about communal hearing not communal reading.

Lector is not just a function of technique but a spiritual experience. Cultivate your faith through the ministry of reading the word.

Proper Preparation.

Respect the text.

Wrestle with the readings. (Narrative, Discourse, Poetry, Prayer)

Slow Down.

Pause.

Arrive, Check Lectionary / Ribbons, Practice Aloud, Check Pronunciation.

Lay ministers presence in Church. Before and after the Mass...

Signals: Creed, approach the Ambo, pause after the Prayer of the Faithful.

First Reading Second Reading: Set up the lectionary for the next reading.

Get a substitute.

Follow the “sense lines” as they appear in the reading.

Proclaim do not dramatize.

Be aware of non-verbal's.

Deep bow.

Attire should not call attention to itself.

Mistakes? Pause

Return to your seat.

Noise.

Pronunciations: www.netministries.org/resources/resource-pronunciation-guide

When we are awakened to the mystery of scripture then we can bring that mystery to the assembly.