

Notes for Life Teen Lectors: Readings, Welcome & Petitions

For Life Teen Masses, 2 students share the responsibilities of Lector.

One Student Lector will read the Welcome Message & Petitions (also called Prayer of the Faithful)

One Student Lector will proclaim the 1st and 2nd Readings.

*****Reminder for all Lectors:**

Please dress appropriately & modestly for Mass. Take a look in the mirror before leaving – skin-tight pants, crop tops, mini-skirts, shirts with obnoxious messages ARE NOT APPROPRIATE. Our clothing choices are a way that we show respect for ourselves and for God

When approaching the ambo, walk to the center and either genuflect or make a reverent bow from the waist. Stand up straight, be confident. Adjust the microphone so that it is in line with your mouth. SPEAK SLOWLY. SPEAK SLOWER than you think you should.

- ❶ Arrive no later than 10:15am. **Both Lectors** should go to the sacristy and pray the “**Before Mass’ Prayer**” with Father and the servers. After the prayer, the Welcome Lector may go sit down in the pew, (keeping the binder with you). The Readings Lector will carry the Book of the Gospels and stay with Father and the servers.
- ❷ When the lights ‘blink’ the **Welcome Lector** approaches the ambo, makes a reverent bow and reads the Welcome Message to the congregation. After saying “please stand” this Lector can return to the pew with the binder so you have it for the Petitions later.
- ❸ During the **Procession**, the order is Servers, then Lector, then Father. Lector holds the Book of the Gospels above his/her head – Hold it High and Reverently. You are carrying the Book of the Gospels, be confident! Once the servers bow and place the cross/candles, the Lector makes a reverent bow in front of the altar and then walks around (facing the congregation) and places the Book upright in the clear (acrylic) stand. Walk back down, bow in front of the altar and return to your pew.
- ❹ After The Collect (Prayer), it is time for the **1st Reading**. Walk up, bow, proclaim confidently & loudly. (In between readings, you can either sit off to the side near Mary’s altar, or return to your pew.) After the Responsorial Psalm, proclaim the **2nd Reading**. After the 2nd Reading, you carefully close the Lectionary and place the book in the cubby area, under the microphone. This gives Father a clear place to place the Book of the Gospels when he moves to the ambo.
- ❺ During the Nicene Creed, when we are praying these final words: “...*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins...*” the **Petitions Lector** begins walking up to the ambo. This will put you already in place when Father begins the Prayer. Father will announce the Petitions/Prayer of the Faithful with words similar to this: Let us bring our prayers to the Lord with confidence: Then you share the Petitions. Remain at the ambo until Father finishes the prayer. Then bow and return to your pew.
- ❻ **When Mass is over, both Lectors should** return their items to the sacristy. Place the binder and the Book of the Gospels on the counter or the sound system box. The Readings Lector should also make sure the large Lectionary is replaced, opened, on top of the lectern.

Thank you for sharing your God-given talents and for serving our parish!