



## LECTORS

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**Goals and Purpose:** To proclaim God's Word to His people

**Responsibilities:** Lectors participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist by reading the scripture passages to the congregation. Generally, there are two readings, one from the Old Testament and the other from the New Testament. Lectors are assigned to read at specific Masses and are expected to prepare for the readings in advance. Every effort is made to accommodate the lector's personal schedule when assignments are made. Assignments are made several months in advance and distributed ahead of time. If for some reason a lector is not able to read when scheduled, she/he must obtain their own substitute.

**Helpful Attributes:** Ability and confidence to stand up in front of a group and tell a story. We expect lectors to speak in a manner that holds the congregation's attention as opposed to just "reading words".

**Time Commitment:** As much time as necessary to prepare for the readings in advance. Lectors will be scheduled, if possible, at the Masses they wish during the scheduling period, e.g., summer or winter Mass schedule.

**Training Required:** A workbook is provided for advance preparation of the readings. The workbook has historical explanations of the readings and several appendices including one with proper pronunciation of difficult names and other words. We have developed a set of procedures, protocols and dress code that all lectors are expected to follow so that there is consistency among the lectors. Training sessions are provided to all new lectors so that the Word of God can be delivered effectively.

**Fingerprinting Required:** No

Meeting Schedule: Scheduled as needed