

LECTORS FOR WEDDINGS

The readings will already be in place on the podium. These are the same readings that you have received for your practicing. **DO NOT** bring your practice sheets to the podium. These are for your preparation only.

It is best to sit in the main area of the Church, somewhere near the lectern stand. Please come forward, make a slight bow toward the altar and then proceed up the stairs. Simply walk up to the lectern, pause before beginning, then proclaim the title of the passage, (e.g. A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians).

[Note: it is not a custom in the Catholic tradition to cite the chapter and verse numbers of the Bible passage.]

After the reading, simply walk down the steps, turn to the altar, make a slight bow toward the altar, and then return to your seat.

Prepare your reading!!

Read VERY SLOWLY and loudly, pausing at each comma and period.

Look up as much as you can. (Many readers find it helpful to place one hand on the text to aid "finding your place" as you make eye contact with the congregation.)

Proclaim the ending: "The word of the Lord," and wait for the congregation to respond: "Thanks be to God" before returning to the pew.

1st Reader:

After the welcome, (opening song) and opening prayer all are invited to sit. Wait until the presider is seated, then move to the podium to proclaim your reading.

2nd Reader:

After the 1st reading there is a sung Psalm response (a song). Wait until the song is completely finished, then move to the podium to proclaim your reading.

Petition Reader:

After the vows and exchange of rings, the presider will invite the congregation to stand. As all are standing move to the podium to proclaim the petitions.

Remember your job is to allow God's word to be heard and understood. You can never speak too slowly or too distinctly.