

TIPS FOR LECTORS

Preparation

- Read the 2 readings for the date in the *Workbook for Lectors*. The *Workbook* is extremely useful in providing tips on reading, background on the readings, and help with pronunciation.
- On rare occasions, there will be two different readings for the same date. Practice both.

Before Mass

- If there are two readers for the Mass, decide between you who will do which reading and who will be in the processional.
- Verify the book on the stand at the back of the church is open to the correct Gospel reading.
- Verify the book on the ambo is open to the correct First Reading. (On the rare occasions when there are two different readings for the same date, Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9:00am readers can ask Father to identify the correct reading. Sunday 11:30 readers usually can just check the book on the ambo).
- Choose a seat near the Alter so that you don't have far to walk.
- Verify the ambo microphone is turned on (light should be red on the switch near the Sacristy door).

Processional

- Carry the book (typically done by the first reader). The reader is the next to last person, just before Father.
- Place book in middle of the Alter.

During Mass

- **First reading** - Occurs after the *Collect*, a short prayer by Father. The *Collect* comes right after the *Gloria* (except during Advent & Lent when the Gloria is omitted). After finishing the reading, turn the page to the second reading.
- **Second reading** – Occurs after the *Psalms*. If doing both readings, you may want to take a seat in the choir so you can return to the ambo quickly. After the second reading, close the book and place it in the slot in the ambo. **Caution!** Whoever lights the candles sometimes does not put the ashtray all the way to the left in the slot making it difficult to slide the book in.

Tips

- Read slowly..... and enunciate more than usual.
- Position yourself between the two microphones so they pick up your voice.
- After each reading, step back from the ambo, bow your head briefly before leaving.
- Ask for feedback on how you did so you can improve.