

Dear Lectors,

On April 21, 2015, Fr. John held a Lector's Workshop. Besides training several new readers, Fr. John discussed many revisions to the way we have been doing things. I have written them out for all; if you attended the workshop, I hope this agrees with what you took away. If you did not attend, please read carefully and let me know if you have problems or don't understand something.

I will start with the beginning of Mass and proceed to the end. Brand new stuff is BOLDED and in blue!

1. If you are scheduled to read, please dress appropriately. Dressed up is better than dressed down. If you are called from the congregation to read because no one showed up, this is not a problem. If you really feel inappropriately dressed, say no!
2. If there is a letter from the Archbishop (or any other missive that needs to be read before Mass begins), read about three (3) minutes PRIOR to the start of Mass (earlier if very long). If it is also a Sunday where Hospitality ministers are speaking, let them go first. Make sure you all start early enough for Mass to begin on time.
3. During procession, allow six feet from the person(s) in front of you.
4. When it is time for the first reading, **first go to center aisle, in front of altar, bow from waist, then proceed to ambo. You do not need to bow again at ambo.** DO NOT TOUCH THE MICROPHONE! Move closer if you think it sounds too low. Look at congregation periodically during reading. Don't forget the balcony!
 - a. **If you are doing only the first reading, return to your seat by going to the center aisle first, bow, and then return to seat.**
 - b. **If you are doing both readings, sit in the chair on the altar closest to the congregation, during the Responsorial Psalm (there will be a book for you to follow along if you wish). You do not need to go to back of altar and hide! After second reading, return to your seat by going to the center aisle, bow, and then return to seat.**
 - c. **If you are only doing the second reading, proceed up to ambo during the Responsorial Psalm. Go to center aisle, bow, then proceed to ambo. Leave by same process.**
 - d. REMOVE book after Second Reading. Place on shelf below. Do not put on top of Father's sermon!!
5. Please, do not wait for the end of the Creed to proceed to ambo for the Prayers of the Faithful. **Since you now need to go to center aisle, bow, proceed to ambo, I suggest during the first line of the last stanza of the Creed.** If there is only one person "for whom this Mass is being offered" you may read that name (clipped to right top corner of the ambo) but do not read if more than one name. **LEAVE the binder open on ambo, pages turned to announcements so as to be ready.**
6. **After Prayers of the Faithful, return to seat via the center aisle, bow, DURING the Family Prayer. Do not wait for prayer to finish before returning to seat.**
7. **DURING the final prayer, proceed up for announcements. Going up, go to center aisle, bow, and proceed to ambo. After, instead of going back to your seat, you may simply wait at bottom of ambo for the exit procession. If you do want to return to seat, DO NOT go to center aisle first.**
8. Process out as before.

Thank you for your service and dedication!!

Just FYI, we are in Cycle B of the readings.

Also, if two people are listed for the readings, the first one reads the first reading and the Prayers of the Faithful; the second reads the second reading and the announcements.

And, remember, if you cannot read on your scheduled slot, please find a substitute!!

Yours in Christ,

Marty McDaniel