

Other:

- Lectors will be notified when there is a change in reading and/or a modified version
- Lectors will often be asked or assigned to proclaim the Word at weekday Masses and/or during certain times of the year as Holy Days, Advent, Lent, and others
- If you cannot be present, contact a substitute so that they have enough time to prepare and attend the Tuesday night session; also notify the church office and the Director of Lectors
- Schedules can be found in: Narthex, bulletin, e-mail or regular mail (5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass lectors will also be contacted by the youth minister as a reminder)
- Wear appropriate attire conducive to worship
- Microphone basics
 - pointing at the chin
 - stay within the area of the cone (shaped from the cheekbones out)
 - stay one “fist” distance from the microphone

*“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church,
God himself speaks to his people,
and Christ, present in his own word,
proclaims the Gospel.”*
(—General Instruction of the Roman Missal, # 29—)

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH HANDBOOK (Sunday Masses)

-LECTOR-

The function of the lector is to **Proclaim** the assigned sacred Scripture at Mass.

We believe this is a solemn calling that invites each lector to experience the Word internally and as it comes alive before the faithful at Mass. We look for the grace that compels all to listen attentively and to respond to the Word with renewed faith.

The Week Before Mass

- Prayer—pray the reading, using it as part of your daily prayer; study, reflect, and meditate on the Word.
The reading can be found in several different places—missalettes, bulletin, USCCB website (daily scripture readings), lector workbooks; in addition, the readings will be sent to the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass lectors at least one week prior to their scheduled time
- Consider using Lectio Divina; if you have never used this practice, consult the Director of Lectors or online service for Lectio Divina, or reading aids such as The Magnificat or Give Us This Day.
- Attend lector formation and practice the Tuesday night prior to your scheduled Mass time for small group discussion on the meaning and personal insights into the scripture.

Before Mass

- Check in with the liturgy coordinator 15 minutes before Mass begins
- Check the reading in the lectionary at the ambo to make sure it is in the correct place
- Check to make sure microphone is turned on

During Mass

- Lector 1 carries in the book of Prayers of the Faithful and places it on the ambo shelf (to be used by the Deacon)
- Approaching the altar for your reading:
 - step out to the middle of the main aisle and make a profound bow (from the waist)
 - take time to adjust the microphone
 - take time to look up at the assembly
 - having memorized the introduction (A reading from...), continue to look at the assembly as you begin
 - it is a good idea to keep your fingers on the reading (as in primary school) so that you are free to look up from the words occasionally.
 - end the reading as you began (by looking at the assembly) as you say: “The Word of the Lord.”
- Silence is asked for in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal; one of these is after each reading...
 - ...a good measure is to silently pray the “Glory be...” before leaving the ambo.
- As you reach the bottom step, turn, and (for the 1st lector—usually with the cantor), make a profound bow before entering the pew again.
- After the second reading, place the lectionary on the ambo shelf.

After Mass

- Stay long enough to greet others as they leave the church: you have just “taught” the Word of God.