

## LECTOR REMINDERS

Updated: 10.12.25

### 1. BEFORE MASS / PROCESSION

- a. **Lector 1** – Leads Gathering Prayer (Direction of Intention cards in Ministers’ Room) in the Narthex after the bells. Processes down the center aisle, bows at the stairs, goes to the Ambo. When signaled by Sacristan, reads opening announcements. Remains near the Ambo in the Sanctuary.
- b. **Lector 2** – Carries the Book of the Gospels (Jesus facing forward), *unless Deacon is present*, slightly elevated, binding in right hand & ribbon hanging left.
- c. At the altar, go behind it and place the Book of the Gospels in the stand, Jesus facing the assembly.
- d. If the Presider pauses at the stairs, return to bow with him before going to your seat. If he continues to his chair, go directly to your seat.
- e. If the Deacon carries the Book, Lector 2 still processes, taking the position in front of him.
- f. **If there is only one Lector**, Sacristan carries the Book of the Gospels.
  - Lector remains in Sanctuary between readings, standing aside during the Psalm. Bow at the foot of the steps before returning to your seat.

### 2. BOWING

- a. Bow **before** and **after** First & Second Readings at the **center** bottom of the steps.
- b. Do **NOT** bow before and after Prayer of the Faithful.

### 3. PROCLAIMING

- a. Before beginning, adjust the microphone to your height so microphone is even with your mouth for optimal projection.
- b. **LECTOR 1**
  - Pause silently for a count of 3 before saying “The Word of the Lord.”
  - **Turn** Lectionary page from First to Second Reading, if needed.
- c. **LECTOR 2**
  - Pause silently for a count of 3 before saying “The Word of the Lord,”
  - **CLOSE** the Lectionary and move it to the side table, placing binder on top.

### 4. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- a. Lector 2 goes to the Ambo when Creed gets to “I believe in the Holy Spirit...” (*Deacon reads POF if present*).
- b. **REMAIN** at Ambo until the Presider concludes Prayer of the Faithful THEN return to your seat.

### 5. AFTER MASS – Lector 1 returns the Book of the Gospels to the Ministers’ Room.