

SCRIPTURAL READERS

Before Mass

1. Arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass starts to check the following:
2. Report to minister's room to sign in on schedule
3. Confirm microphone is "ON" (cabinet in minister's room)
4. Book of Gospels should be on podium at back of center aisle in church
5. Place Lectionary on Ambo, open to first reading (confirm correct readings)
6. Lector binder should be on Ambo shelf. (If no Deacon, move his binder to shelf also)
7. Each Lector should preview sections of binder needed, for correct pronunciation of names and to understand handwritten notes
8. Readers will sit in first pew (right side) until the Readings and Prayers of the Faithful are completed, and then can return to sit with their families
9. **1st Reader** reads "Understanding our Faith" (if used), and Announcements from Ambo, **5 min.** before mass

During Mass

1. If no Deacon, 2nd Reader carries Book of Gospels raised high in the entrance procession, walking just in front of Father
 - Place Book of Gospels at front edge, center of altar
 - Then step back to stand by Father during entrance song. Genuflect or bow deeply with Father
 - When Father approaches altar, return to Reader seating area
2. First Reading
 - Wait for dismissal if Father calls for the Children's Liturgy, and for congregation to be settled
 - If no Master Acolyte to lead you, move to center base of the altar and bow head; then approach Ambo
 - After Reading, bow head in silent meditation (5-10 sec)
 - Turn page if necessary for next Reading
 - Meet Cantor at base of the altar; both bow head. Leave altar area to sit with your family or return to the Reader seating
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3. Second Reading
 - Following Responsorial Psalm, meet Cantor at base of the altar; both bow head; then approach Ambo
 - After Reading, bow head in silent meditation (10-15 sec.)
 - Close Lectionary and place on bottom shelf of Ambo
 - Leave the altar area to sit with your family, or return to the Reader seating. Bow your head at base of the altar before leaving.
4. General Intercessions—Prayers of the Faithful

If no deacon, 2nd Reader approaches Ambo (from the right side) during last paragraph of Creed

 - After Father's introductory prayer, recite each prayer intercession for response. (Deacon's Binder)
 - After Father's closing prayer, place the binder on Ambo shelf and return to your seat from the side of the altar. Not necessary to bow.

After Mass

1. Return Book of Gospels to podium at back center aisle
2. Leave all microphones ON for next Mass