

# St. Michael Catholic Church

## Lector Guidelines

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Use a scripture resource to prepare. Get familiar with the mood and tone of the reading. Sometimes there is only one Lector. Be prepared to proclaim both readings.

Please dress appropriately.

Arrive 15 minutes before Mass, check off your name and check in with the Sacristan.

Go to the ambo and check to ensure that you know where your reading is located.

### **First Reading**

At the conclusion of the opening prayer, walk to the step, bow to the altar and go to the ambo.

Begin with the words: "A reading from . . ." Make eye contact.

Proclaim your reading, ending with: "The Word of the Lord."

Walk down to the step, bow with the cantor and return to your pew.

### **Second Reading**

After the Responsorial, walk to the step, bow to the altar with the cantor and go to the ambo.

Begin with the words: "A reading from . . ." Make eye contact.

Proclaim your reading, ending with: "The Word of the Lord."

Put the Lectionary book down on the ambo shelf.

Walk down to the step, bow to the altar and return to your pew.

### **If no Deacon is Present**

Lector 1 carries Gospel Book in the Entrance Procession, following the servers up to the altar.

Lector 2 reads the Prayers of the Faithful.

Lector 1 reads the announcements after Communion.

### **Helpful Notes**

Speak slowly and clearly with the microphone as close to your mouth as possible.

If you can't hear yourself through the sound system, neither can the congregation.

Ask your partner or others for feedback. It will help you to continuously improve.

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