

Holy Trinity LECTOR Procedures

Proclaiming the Word of God is a sacred responsibility, for St. Paul says: "Faith comes from hearing," (Romans 10:17). Readers must prepare well and be familiar with the text, its style, structure and message.

The First Reader carries the Book of the Gospels in the entrance procession. The cross and candles go first, with the person carrying the Book of the Gospels behind them. When the procession arrives at the steps to the sanctuary, bow slightly to the altar, and proceed immediately to the BACK of the altar, and place the Book upright. Leave the sanctuary. The priest(s) will come up and reverence the altar from the back.



1. First Reader (Leader)

- Before Mass begins, check with the choir to find out if they are singing the psalm. (further notes on Psalm below).
 - Carry the Book of the Gospels in the opening procession.
 - When coming up to read, please approach the sanctuary with reverence. Bow slightly to the altar (not to the priest). Centre yourself at the ambo. Look up at the congregation and speak up. Do not touch the microphone—it is set up to pick up your voice. Project your voice; speak clearly to pronounce the words and Please do not rush.
- ** At the end of the reading, pause a few seconds before you say "The Word of the Lord".
- After the closing song of the Mass, the first reader brings the Book of the Gospels back to the sacristy.
 - Psalm: If you are reading the Psalm response instead of sung by choir, read the response clearly. Let the congregation repeat the response. Read each verse, allowing the congregation to respond after each. When finished, before leaving the ambo, there is also a short period of silence. Come down the steps and bow to the altar again.

2. Second Reader

- Before Mass begins, places the Lectionary on the ambo.
 - Approach the sanctuary with reverence. Bow slightly to the altar (not to the priest). At the ambo, centre yourself. Look up at the congregation and speak up. Do not touch the microphone - it is set to pick up your voice. Project your voice; speak clearly to pronounce the words and Please do not rush.
- ** At the end of the reading, pause a few seconds before you say "The Word of the Lord".
- Pick up the Lectionary and place it on the credence table (the table between the two altar servers holding the chalices and hand-washing bowl). Come down the steps and bow again.

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3. Prayers of the Faithful

- Before Mass: Check if there are any announcements. If so, proceed to the ambo and make the announcements five minutes before Mass is to begin.
- At the end of the last sentence of the Creed, proceed to the sanctuary. At the end of the intercessions, do not leave until the priest says the concluding prayer.
- Sit near the front of the church, so the priest does not have to wait for you.

Please dress appropriately.

Important Note for new Lectors:

- You need to sign the Protocol for Responsible Parish Ministry form, please download the form from the Holy Trinity website (www.holytrinityregina.ca under Ministries & Groups, Liturgy & Worship, Lectors). You may also contact Grace (Liturgy Chairperson) at 306-545-5478.
- Lector positions are not High Security so do not require a police check.
- Return to the office, attention Fr. Lorne.

A copy of these instructions, and any further updates, will be posted also on the parish website in the Lector section of Liturgy.

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