

St. Anthony of Padua, Gardena

LECTOR PROCEDURES ~ Sundays & Holy Days



✠ Preparation

- Arrive 20 minutes before Mass and sign in.
- Ensure that the lectionary and the notebook with petitions and announcements are on the ambo near the choir. Ensure that microphone is at the lectern/ambo and working. Ensure that the lectionary is book-marked correctly for the readings, and that the correct page is open for the first reading.
- Remain for prayer in Sacristy.
- Reading assignments should be known at least a week in advance, but verify before Mass who will do the first and second readings, who will do the petitions if there is no deacon, and who will read the announcements.
- Practice both readings at home and be prepared to read both readings.

✠ Procession

- Both lectors process in behind altar servers
- If there is a deacon:
 - ❖ Deacon carries Book of the Gospels.
 - ❖ Lectors 1 and 2 walk side-by-side before the deacon. They both bow at foot of steps to altar, and continue to pews to sit with their families, or to pew to sit together.
- If there is no deacon:
 - ❖ Lector 1 carries in the Book of the Gospels, enthrones the book (lays the book on the altar), steps back, bows, and returns to pew.
 - ❖ Lector 2 follows lector 1, bows at foot of steps to altar, and continues to pew.

Note: After processing in and bowing to the altar, lectors are to use a side aisle to go to pew; they are not to use the center aisle.

✠ Readings

- If you cross in front of the altar, slightly bow to the altar at the foot of the steps before you proceed to the lectern/ambo. If you do not cross in front of the altar do not bow, but solemnly walk to the book.
- After each reading, wait a few seconds before solemnly saying, "**The Word of the Lord.**" (*Not: This is the Word of the Lord, or Word of the Lord*)
- Do not be rushed during the reading, but take your time. Be reverent when proclaiming the Word of the Lord.
- After the second reading put the lectionary out of the way in the lectern to leave room for the Book of the Gospels.

✠ Petitions

- If there is a deacon, then the deacon will read the petitions.
- If there is no deacon, then a lector will read the petitions. The lector should go up towards the end of the Profession of Faith, and be ready to say petitions after priest introduction. (

✠ Announcements

- After the prayer of communion one lector will read the announcements. After the announcements return to seat.

✠ Attendance

- If you cannot attend Mass on a day you are scheduled to read, it is your responsibility to find someone to read for you. If you are substituting, please sign the sign-in sheet in the workbook in the sacristy.

NOTE: Lectors must be registered parishioners.

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