

## Lectors

***Adult and teen volunteers are needed to serve as lectors during Mass. With the exception of the gospel, lectors proclaim the Word of God reading aloud the sacred scriptures and the general intercessions. If the Cantor is absent, lectors read the psalms between readings. Lectors may also read the announcements at the end of mass if the person regularly assigned this task is unavailable. Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis, and training is required and provided. (Imelda Vilorio 907-677-9098)***

Some information if you are interested in learning more about becoming a lector. Remember, training is provided.

At home a lector, (*reader*), begins their ministry by using the “Lector Handbook” which St. Anthony’s makes available to each lector. Praying with and reviewing the readings for the scheduled mass is very helpful. The function of proclaiming the Scripture readings is by tradition, ministerial not as a presider. The readings are to be pronounced in a loud and clear voice. The voice should correspond to the genre of the text itself, that is, depending upon whether it is a reading, a prayer, an explanatory comment, an acclamation, or a sung text; it should also be suited to the form of celebration and to the solemnity of the gathering. The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favor meditation, and so any kind of haste is to be avoided.

Try to arrive at church a minimum of 10 minutes early so the sacristan and Father know they have a lector. At St. Anthony’s plan to carry the book of the Gospels in the procession to the altar, slightly elevated. The reader walks in front of the Priest.

Upon reaching the altar, the reader makes a profound bow with the others, and when carrying the Book of the Gospels, approaches the altar and places the Book of the Gospels in its stand. Then the reader then takes his/ her own place in the sanctuary, normally the front pew near the ambo. The readings are always read from the ambo. At the Liturgy of the Word the lector rises and goes to the ambo, bowing slightly before they step up to the ambo. Then does the readings that precede the Gospel. In the absence of a psalmist/ cantor (*one who sings the psalm*), the reader may also proclaim the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading and the general intercessions. Lectors may also read the announcements at the end of mass if the person regularly assigned this task is unavailable. At the conclusion of the Mass, the lector does not process with the Book of the Gospels. And the Lectionary is never carried in procession. The lector may join in the procession at the end of Mass in the same order as in the procession to the altar.