

Ministry Description

Title: Minister of the Word (Lector / Reader)

Servant Leader: Director of Liturgy

Description: The Minister of the Word (Lector) serves as the storyteller of the worshipping assembly. More than a reader, the Lector PROCLAIMS the Word of God, making Christ with and in the assembly through the Word.

Specific Tasks: Utilize resources provided (primarily annual Workbook for Lectors). Practice the assigned readings several times during the week. Arrive 20 minutes prior to mass to make sure all is set up, familiarize yourself with Intercessions and Announcements, practice scripture readings again, and pray. During mass, proclaim the scriptures, lead the General Intercessions, and read any announcements. Attend ongoing formation sessions and stay in communication with the Director of Liturgy regarding schedule and other needs.

Skills Required: Catholic baptism. A desire to share a deep, personal faith and a love of scripture. Excellent reading and public speaking ability.

Time Required: A few hours per month (depending on number of assignments, but at least one hour in preparation per scheduled mass). 2 ½ hour annual Ministries Day formation session.

Training: 90 Minute initial training session. Also a 2 ½ hour annual ministry-wide formation session.

Benefits (How does it fulfill the parish mission): Sharing Scripture with others is to share the greatest love story of all time; the Love of God for his people. We are privileged to share it with others because the messages contained in the readings have the very real power to transform lives in a profound way. As a lector you are a conduit for the Holy Spirit to work that change in people's lives. The Word of God is an effective way to bring people closer to Him and to His Church. This ministry fulfills the mandate to tell the Good News to all.