

Commentator/Lector Guidelines, Helps & Tips

Thank you for serving our parish in these important liturgical ministries. This is your way to engage the assembly in full, active and conscious liturgical participation. Arrive at church early so you have enough time to prepare for the liturgy and familiarize yourself with what you are reading. Remember to **spea**
clearly, slowly and loudly, enunciating every word so the assembly can understand each word that you proclaim. Thank you for your participation in these ministries and for your service to St. Mary Parish. God bless you!

Commentator

1. Pray and prepare by familiarizing yourself 1) the Welcome, 2) the Prayer of the Faithful, and 3) the Announcements, which are in the Commentator Book in the sacristy.
2. Watch for the "go ahead" from the priest as Mass begins, proceed to the **Cantor's Mic**. Welcome all to our celebration with the prepared text.
3. After the Homily, come forward to the **AMBO** as the priest introduces the Prayers of the Faithful. Lead the Prayer of the Faithful for the assembly. Remain **at the Ambo** until the presider completes the Prayer of the Faithful.
4. After the Communion Prayer, proceed to the **Cantor's Mic** and read the prepared announcements.
5. Return the Commentator book to the shelf in the sacristy after Mass.

Lector #1

1. Pray and prepare by familiarizing yourself with the reading you will proclaim.
2. Make sure the Lectionary is placed on the Ambo before Mass begins. It can be opened to the page needed.
3. The book stand for the Book of the Gospels should be placed on the altar before Mass begins, by the sacristan. If it is not, it can be found on the Credence Table (table/ledge behind the altar).
4. If the Deacon is not present, take your place in the back of the worship space for the Entrance Procession, with presider and servers. If the Deacon is present, you do not need to take part in the Entrance Procession. The **Book of the Gospels** is to be carried in by either the Deacon or Lector #1 during the entrance procession.
5. If you are taking part in the Entrance Procession, place the Book of the Gospels on the altar in the book stand and go to your place in the assembly.
6. At the appropriate time, proclaim the reading from the Lectionary, (previously placed on the Ambo) and return to your seat.

Lector #2

1. Pray and prepare by familiarizing yourself with the reading you will proclaim.
2. Proclaim the Second Reading at the appropriate time, pausing for a moment after the responsorial psalm (about the amount of time it takes to say the *Glory Be*).
3. Close the Lectionary after you have proclaimed your reading and place it on the Ambo shelf after your reading is completed.
4. Return to your seat in the assembly and remain standing for the Gospel acclamation.
5. After Mass, return the Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels to the shelf in the Sacristy.

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