

Lector Reminders

Here are some items/issues to keep in mind as you serve as a lector at St. Luke Catholic Church:

1. **Do not adjust the microphone.** It has been adjusted already. Keep your mouth **DIRECTLY** in front of the microphone. The microphone should be about 4 – 5 inches away from your mouth.
2. Read in **SLOW MODE.** The words of the Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear. Listeners need reflective time for the scriptures so that they may develop in their hearts a warm and living love for the Sacred Scriptures.
3. Make a definite **“1, 2, 3 PAUSE”** when the reading is complete, prior to saying, “The Word of the Lord”.
4. **Eye contact** is important. Acknowledge the congregation when you announce your reading. Also, “Let us pray to the Lord” is a good time to look up and out after each petition. Use the punctuation for pauses or breaths. You might also look out at the end of sentences or paragraphs. Keep in mind, the reading gets choppy when the reader looks up after every three or four words.
5. Keep your head **UP.** If the reading is long and goes down to the bottom of the page, you need to slide the book up on the lectern so your mouth doesn’t get away from the microphone.
6. Respect your partner. Always **PREPARE** for all parts. Lectors should alternate readings 1 and 2 and the petitions over the course of the schedule, if possible.
7. Arrive **ON TIME** (15 minutes prior to the Mass) in the sacristy. The Presider has specific things he must do and should not worry if/when a lector is going to show up. You will need the time to decide the reading assignments, reread the passages, and get the prompts in their special places.
8. **CLEAN UP** after the mass. Don’t leave the clean up for the priest or servers. Return the Lectionary and Book of Gospel to the Sacristy.
9. Sit in the front 2 – 4 pews so that you are in close proximity to the ambo.