

Lectors Responsibilities/Expectations

Lectors at St. Margaret of York are a vital ministry to the community. Proclaiming the Word of God to the congregation has responsibilities/expectations that include but are not limited to:

- Normal Sunday Masses will have 2 lectors scheduled. Extra lectors will be added on certain Holy Days and other events.
- Arrive 15-20 minutes before Mass and check in with Mass Coordinator.
- Five minutes before Mass begins, be at the back of the church, just inside the doors from the narthex to the church.
- Participate in the prayer before Mass with clergy and servers before processing down the main aisle.
- Lectors process in behind the altar servers with hands folded in prayer.
- Reverence (slight bow) the altar when about five feet in front of the altar and then go to seat.
- After the Collect (short prayer the presider reads from the Roman Missal that the server holds), the first lector remains standing, goes before the altar, reverences and walks to the right of the altar to the ambo.
- With clear annunciation, the lector proclaims the reading.
- The reader only reads the black words on the page: "A reading from..." to "The Word of the Lord," without adding or subtracting anything.
- When finished, the lector walks right to the front of the altar and reverences once again then returns to his/her seat.
- When the Responsorial Psalm is finished, the second lector stands, goes before the altar, reverences and walks right to the ambo.
- With clear annunciation the lector proclaims the reading.
- The reader only reads the black words on the page: "A reading from..." to "The Word of the Lord," without adding or subtracting anything.
- When finished, the lector closes the Lectionary and places it on the shelf of the ambo.
- The lector walks right to the front of the altar and reverences once again then returns to his/her seat.

If there happens to be a Mass when a Deacon is not present, the first lector will be asked to read the intercessions. In this circumstance, the lector is asked to make his/her way to an aisle at the very front of the church during the Creed. When the Creed is finished, the lector walks to the ambo and retrieves the petitions from the shelf. Making sure the presider has finished the introduction of the intercessions, the lector again clearly annunciates all the intercessions. When finished, the lector waits at the ambo for the presider to pray the closing prayer of the intercessions before walking back to the aisle and returning to his/her seat.

An email will be sent on Thursdays if there are any changes from a normal Sunday Mass.

When unavailable to serve, please request a sub on the Ministry Pro Scheduler. If you are not scheduled, please check in with the Mass Coordinator to see if help is needed.

Thank you for your commitment and service to the community of St. Margaret of York!