

LECTOR CUES

Lector #1 proclaims the first reading and the Prayers of the Faithful.

Lector #2 proclaims the second reading and the announcements.

If there is a Deacon on the altar, he does the Prayers of the Faithful, usually.

If there is a Deacon it is a good idea to ask him prior to the start of Mass if he will be doing the Prayers of the Faithful.

Lector #1's cue for the first reading is as the Priest says "Let us pray." The Lector should be ready to get up from the kneeler and head toward the pulpit. If the Priest's prayer is not finished by the time you reach the pulpit, just stand at the base of the pulpit until he is finished.

Lector #1's cue for the Prayers of the Faithful is the Nicene Creed. When the congregation is nearing the end of that prayer, e.g. ... "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the Giver of life who proceeds from the Father...." begin walking up to the ambo, not the pulpit. When the Creed is finished the Priest will give a one or two sentence introduction to the Prayers of the Faithful and then it is Lector #1's turn.

Lector #2's cue for the second reading is the Cantor's completion of the Responsorial Psalm. Wait for the Cantor to leave the pulpit and then get up and walk to the pulpit.

Lector #2's cue for the announcements is as the Priest says "Let us pray" get up and begin walking to the ambo. This prayer can be two sentences or sometimes a paragraph. When you arrive at the ambo, put your notebook on it and wait for the Priest to finish his prayer and any comments or instructions he may have. Then it is your turn. When you are finished take your notebook back to your kneeler and leave it there.

Wait for the Priest to walk toward the base of the altar. Then both Lectors should join the Servers and the Priest at the base of the altar. After the first verse of the last hymn is sung the Priest bows, the Lectors should do likewise and then turn and face the congregation and wait for the Cross bearer and the Servers to begin the recession. Both Lectors should follow side by side leaving the Priest as the last one.

Neither Lector should carry the Book of the Gospels or the Notebook or the Lectionary out in the recession.

If you have any questions, please call me or e-mail me.

Thank you all for all your help.

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