

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION OF A GOOD LECTOR

A COMPETENT LECTOR IS A PERSON WHO:

1. is a fully initiated (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist) member of the Catholic church and a registered member of OLPH parish, willing to serve the church through sharing faith by proclaiming the scriptures at Mass.
2. finds the scriptures a source of prayer, inspiration, growth and challenge relevant for today's world.
3. understands the structure and flow of the Mass and especially the movement of the Liturgy of the Word.
4. participates fully at Mass, serving as an example to the assembly.
5. strives constantly to improve speaking and storytelling skills as well as understanding of scripture.

POSSESSES CERTAIN SKILLS:

6. has a clear speaking voice, disciplined so that each word can be heard and understood by the members of the assembly.
7. rehearses assigned scripture aloud at home many times, working on pauses, emphasis, rhythm, and pitch in order to read in the spirit of the reading and with a sense of conviction that gives life and meaning to the Word. Never reads too fast or too slow.
8. finds the correct pronunciation for an foreign or difficult words and practices them aloud at home.
9. uses scriptural aids in order to understand the meaning of the scripture before attempting to communicate the orally. Tries to identify the central proclamation of the scripture.
10. is able to use parish microphones effectively; understands how to turn them on and off and adjust them as necessary for maximum projection.
11. follows the parish procedure before, during and after Mass.
12. carries the lectionary with dignity and reverence.
13. is able to meet assigned appointments, training sessions, days of reflection, etc. and comes early enough to Mass for any necessary coordination with other ministers.