

## LECTOR PROCESSION & RECESSION PROCEDURE

Either one of the Lectors may carry the Book of the Gospels.

The one carrying the Book should be the second to the end of the procession immediately in front of the Priest, or the Deacon, if there is one. This means both Lectors will process in single file.

As the procession reaches the Sanctuary, the Servers will spread out leaving room for both Lectors and the Priest to stop at the base of the altar in a line. All except the Lector carrying the Book should bow to the altar. The Lector with the Book should nod her or his head.

The Priest will walk up the steps to the altar. Immediately behind him and a little to the right (or left) depending where you are at the base of the altar, should be the Lector with the Book. When the Lector reaches the altar she or he should place the book close to the center of the altar (left to right) and 12 inches (approximately) from the edge. Then she or he should descend the steps and proceed to the kneelers.

The Lector not carrying the Book, after she or he bows, should walk to the kneelers without waiting for the other Lector.

At the end of Mass both Lectors should walk to the base of the altar and join the Priest and the servers to sing the recessional hymn. **DO NOT CARRY THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS IN THE RECESSION.** It should be left at the pulpit.

The recession should be led by the Cross bearer, then the servers, then the Lectors and finally the Priest. The Lectors should recess side by side. This is because the Book of the Gospels is not being carried in the recession.

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

I thank each of you for the faith-filled, diligent job you do in carrying out these most important and holy duties.

Thank you.

Dana

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