



**ST. PATRICK**  
Catholic Church ■ Cedar Rapids, IA

## Lector Rubrics

---

**Thank you for your service to St. Patrick Catholic Church as a lector!** You have a special privilege and a responsibility to proclaim God's Word well. Study the readings ahead of time from your Lector's Workbook. Speak slowly and deliberately; understand what you are reading. If you don't understand it yourself, then you won't be able to proclaim it well. Remember, there is a difference between speaking, reading publicly, and proclaiming the Scriptures. You are sharing God's Word. Please dress appropriately per your privileged role in the Liturgy.

Deo Gratias!

### Responsibilities & Procedures

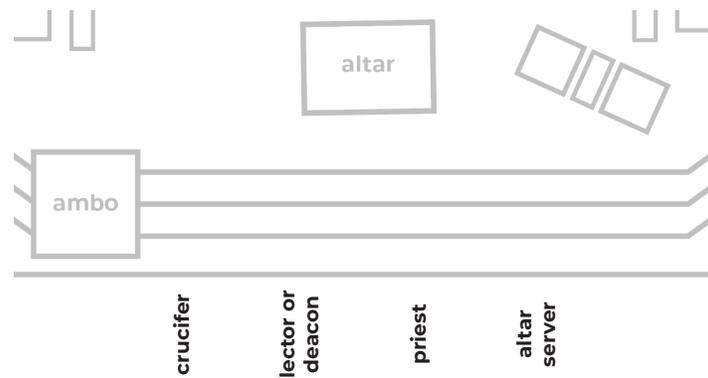
- Follow the schedule--if you can't be here, please find your own substitute so the substitute will have time to prepare.
- Arrive at the church 15 minutes before Mass begins. Initial by your name on the schedule in the sacristy as a means of "signing-in". Ask the priest if there are any special instructions. Find the correct set of readings in the Lectionary. Read through the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful).
- When all set, please take the Lectionary to the ambo, and the Book of the Gospels stand to the altar.
- Wait in the sacristy for the priest and servers to be ready to head to the back for the entrance procession. You will process in with the Book of the Gospels if no deacon is present. If a deacon is present, you may take your seat in the pews.
- Please pray the *Sacristy Vesting Prayer* found hanging in the sacristy.
- Walk with the priest and servers to the back of church with the Book of the Gospels.
- In the procession, the order is as follows:

Altar Servers

Deacon or Lector with the Book of the Gospels

Priest

- At the base of the steps, please fan out in this order: (always to the left of the priest)



- In your peripheral vision, look for the priest to begin bowing reverently bow with him and the servers.
- Process up the steps and place the Book of the Gospels in the stand on the altar.
- Return to your pew reverently and with purpose.
- After the Opening Prayer, come to the sanctuary steps, bow, and proceed to the ambo to proclaim the readings.
- REFRAIN FROM ALTERING THE TEXT, such as “The First Reading is from...” or “The Second Reading is taken from...”
- Simply read what is printed in the Lectionary, “A Reading from...”
- At the end of each reading, pause 3-5 seconds, then say “The Word of the Lord.” Do not raise or lift the Lectionary.
- After the First Reading and “The Word of the Lord” pause and remain still for a brief moment, then move to the chair behind the ambo.
- After the Responsorial Psalm, give a small pause, then return to the ambo for the Second Reading.
- After the Second Reading, take a small pause, close the Lectionary and place it on the shelf under the ambo.
- Return to your pew, bowing towards the altar at the bottom of the steps.
- When finished with the Universal Prayer, remain standing at the ambo until the priest has finished the concluding prayer, after which you may return to your pew.
- After Mass, please take the Book of the Gospels and binder with the Universal Prayer back to the sacristy.