

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue,
 That I may know how to speak to the weary
 A word that will rouse them.
 Isaiah 50:4

Lector Training Handbook	Church of St. Theodore, Albert Lea
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***Lector 1** (listed first on schedule) will read the First Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful

***Lector 2** (listed second on schedule) will read the Welcome and the Second Reading and any Announcements.

**Lectors for 5:15pm Masses please make note of new item on back page!

General Guidelines

1. **Be sure to practice the readings** before hand from your Lectionary handbook, using the help of the tips on the side to help you with pronunciations and articulation.
2. **Please come at least 15 minutes prior** to Mass so that you may practice what you will proclaim.
 Lector 1 - read over the Prayers of the Faithful and check any pronunciations of names. Lector 2- read over the Welcome and Announcements.....check any pronunciations of names.
3. After both Lectors have looked over what they need, place the Lectionary on the Ambo and open to the First Reading.
4. Place the Welcome/Prayers of the Faithful on the Ambo. Place the Announcements on the shelf of the Ambo.
5. Remain in the Sacristy until Father is ready to do a prayer with you and Altar Servers, then proceed to next step.
 ** Go to back page for individual instructions for Lector 1 and 2 **
6. ***The Welcome, Readings and Prayers of the Faithful and announcements are to be read from the Ambo (not the cantor podium)***
7. Process up with all Liturgical Ministers in the Mass Procession.(lectors go behind Em's and before Father) Spread out in front of the Altar (alternate going left and right). Wait for Father to come to the front and bow with him. Then take your seat. **(Please sit on an aisle near the front to enable easy access to the Ambo)**
8. Remember to project your voice "clearly" and directly into the microphone (adjust microphone if necessary)
9. Please speak slowly and with a bit of "authority"
10. It is your responsibility to find a Substitute Lector if you are unable to be at the Mass.
 *If it should happen that only one Lector arrives, that Lector will need to do both.
11. After Mass, please put the Lectionary back in the Sacristy.

** Please dress appropriately as you are representing the parish Community of St. Theodore.

LECTOR 1

(after prayer in the sacristy)

1. Go to the back of the church to prepare for the procession.
2. Lector 1 will come to the Ambo after the opening prayer to do the First Reading.
3. After the reading, turn the page of the Lectionary to the Second Reading.
4. Step back and pause for a moment, then return to your seat.

***On occasion, there may be the need for the Lector to read the entire responsorial psalm. If that should be so, Father will communicate this to you in advance.

When reading the Responsorial Psalm, pause a moment or two after the First Reading, then begin by saying, "The Responsorial Psalm is....." lift your arm for everyone to repeat it.

Lift your arm after each stanza to invite the congregation to say the Psalm.

5. Towards the end of the Creed, ("I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.....) come up to the Ambo to read the Prayers of the Faithful. (Pause before saying, "We Pray to the Lord...."

*If there is a baptism, we do not do the Creed (we do our Baptismal Promises instead), so the Prayers of the Faithful will be done after the Baptism.

LECTOR 2

(after prayer in the sacristy)

1. Wait by the chairs in front of the piano till you are signaled to begin.
2. Go to the Ambo and read the Welcome. Place the Welcome/Prayers on the shelf. Then, as people are greeting one another, go directly to the back of the church to get in line for the Procession.
3. After the Responsorial Psalm, Lector 2 will come to the Ambo to do the Second Reading.
4. After the reading, turn the page of the Lectionary to the Gospel.
5. Step back, pause for a moment, then return to your seat.
6. After the closing Prayer (and before the final blessing), Go to the Ambo and read the Announcements, then return to your seat.

**** Attention 5:15pm Lectors! Beginning January 2018 there will only be ONE Lector scheduled for the Saturday 5:15pm Masses. This lector will do all readings, etc. ****

MICROPHONE INFORMATION

The switch for the sound system is inside the sacristy door. The sacristan usually takes care of turning on the switch. The red light is on when the sound is on.

Make sure to point the microphone at your mouth – please touch only the smooth part, and not the flexible parts.