Lectoring At Christ The King (Revised 2026)

The Lector is one who proclaims the Word of God by reading the scripture readings at Mass. Anyone who is a Confirmed Catholic may participate as a lector. Training is provided, and a workbook is available on loan to understand and prepare for the readings. **Since we have many Lectors who wish to serve at Christ the King, we recommend that you do only one weekend every other month to allow everyone a chance to serve.** You can sign up for the Mass time and dates that works best with your schedule. There are also opportunities to serve as a Lector at our weekday Masses (check with Father before Mass), and also for Holy Days.

Procedures For Lectors

1. **Please arrive at 15-25 minutes early.** Before Mass starts check the lector's booklet in the sacristy to look over the petition prayers and announcements. Check with Father about pronunciation of difficult names in the prayers for deceased. Check to see if the Psalm Responsorial will be sung by choir or recited by you the Lector. Check to see if the Lectionary book is on the Ambo podium, and that it is on the correct readings for the day. You may then wait in the Gathering area for the opening procession.

2. **The Lector is seated in the front pew near the Holy Family.** You should check the book on the ambo before Mass to be sure the correct page is open, look over the readings. (It has happened that the wrong book or page has been on the podium-making it a sudden problem if you don't prepare ahead of Mass)

3. **Carry in the book of Gospels (held respectfully above your head) in the entrance procession.** Take it directly up to the altar-place it into the clear acrylic holder- and return to bottom step to genuflect with the priest & ministers. (If you are unable to carry the Gospel book-the Deacon can carry in the book for you). After the Gloria and priest says the opening prayer (everyone is seated) you will remain standing…and proceed up to the ambo.

4. **Read the First reading**; remember to speak slowly, respectfully, and with careful pronunciation of each word. *This microphone is a "boom" mic and will pick up your voice from all directions. You may have to adjust it up or down for your height.* ***If you get too close, there will be feedback noise****. This mic requires some practice to get the right level of voice projection.*

5. **Psalm Response:** If the choir sings the Psalm-you may take the seat directly behind the ambo. If not-you will stay at the ambo to read the Psalm responses.

6. **After the psalm response, you approach the ambo to do the second reading**. After you complete the second reading, close the book and place it in holder below, and then return to your pew.

7. **Prayer-petitions:** After the Profession of Faith, approach the ambo and bring the small binder with you to read the prayer-petitions. Afterwards, return to your pew.

8. **Announcements:** After the communion prayer, approach the microphone down on the floor to do the announcements. Check to see if the mic stand is in view of the whole church audience. Sometimes it gets moved too far back, or too close to the brick wall. You can pick up the mic stand to move it to where it is visible to the crowd. You may need to check the mic to make sure it is turned on. *This microphone is a soloist mic,* ***you need to get up close and speak directly into it****. You may find it best to hold the announcements up at eye level when you are speaking into the microphone.*

9. **Final Procession:** At the end of Mass you will go out with the priest in the final procession. As Father begins to leave the altar, you may walk around the front of the ambo to join him at the bottom of the steps.