

Lectoring At Christ The King (Revised 10/ 21)

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 guidebook is provided to understand and prepare for readings. Most Lectors may commit to doing a month at a time, or they can do a week by week schedule. You sign up for the Mass time and dates that works with your schedule.

Pandemic Procedures For Lectors

Those who volunteer to Lector at weekend Masses will find there are some procedures that have changed.

1. When you arrive, you may or may not wear a personal face mask. You may wait in the Gathering area before the Mass starts. Check the lector book in the sacristy for difficult names.
2. The Lector is now seated on the altar behind the ambo, Or you may sit in the congregation as usual. You should check the book on the ambo to be sure the right page is open, look over the readings, look over the prayer-petitions and announcements.
3. The priest will ring the bell to indicate the start of Mass. Carry in the book. Take it directly to the altar (**new**) and return to bottom step to genuflect with ministers. After the Gloria and priest says the opening prayer (everyone is seated) you remain standing. You may remove your face mask- and approach the ambo. Proceed with the readings as usual. Check to see if Responsorial is sung by choir or recited by Lector.
4. After you complete the second reading, put book in holder below, return to your chair.
5. After the Profession of Faith, (remove your face mask) and approach the ambo to do the prayer-petitions.
6. Afterwards, return to your chair and remain on the altar during the Eucharistic prayers. During the Our Father- we do not hold hands. There is also no hand shake/sign of peace.
7. You will be given communion by the priest, and return to your chair.
8. After the communion prayer, approach the ambo to do the Announcements (we are no longer using the microphone down on the floor)
9. At the end of Mass you may go out with the priest in the final procession. Do not take the book with you, leave it on the ambo.