

9pm Sunday Mass Reader Training Checklist

Readers proclaim the Word of God to the assembly so that the faithful may hear and respond to God's Word during Mass and throughout their lives.

Readers who are scheduled to read on any given Sunday will meet with the reader coordinator during the week before they are scheduled to read to go over the following:

I. INTERPRETATION

- Copies of readings will be given to reader to look over.
 - 1st reader gets 1st reading, psalm, gospel acclamation and gospel
 - 2nd reader gets 2nd reading and reads Prayers of the Faithful aloud at training.
- In Ordinary Time, the first reading, responsorial psalm, gospel acclamation verse and gospel are all connected thematically. The reader should discern the theme, which will then inform how they read the reading – what is emphasized, etc. In Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, ALL the readings are connected, so both readers should get copies of all the readings.
- Readers should discuss why it is important for the congregation to hear this Scripture reading. I.e., why is the theme pertinent to life today? What are the Scriptures telling us?
- The way the reader proclaims their scripture should reflect a sense of importance, even urgency – whether it's an admonition (warning) or celebration, or somewhere in between.

II. LOGISTICS

1st Reader

- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Get Book of the Gospels from sacristy and wait at the chapel entrance
- When cued by priest or sacristan, raise Book of the Gospels high over your head and process to the altar. Place book in stand and go to your seat
- After the Opening Prayer, when all sit, go to the ambo and bow before the tabernacle
- Wait at the ambo until everyone has finished shifting in their seats, etc., so that it is totally quiet before you begin the reading
- Read the reading
- Return to your seat

2nd Reader

- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Get Prayers of the Faithful binder from the sacristy and take to your seat

- Participate in Mass as usual until after the Responsorial Psalm
- After the Responsorial Psalm, stand and go to the ambo, bowing before the tabernacle
- Turn the page if necessary and read your reading
- When you are finished reading, place the red ribbon on the page and close the book, then take the book off the ambo and place it on the small cruciform table behind the ambo, and return to your seat (*continued...*)
- When the Creed is over (ending with the words, “I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen”), go to the ambo with the Prayers of the Faithful binder.
- Wait for the priest to introduce the Prayers of the Faithful. If he does not introduce them, simply begin announcing them.
- After inviting the assembly to offer any other petitions, remain standing at the ambo until after the priest’s concluding prayer, then return to your seat with the binder.