**Lector Ministry Protocol**

1. Preparation
* Check the Ministry Schedule for designated mass time
* Get a substitute if you can’t attend
* Study the readings in the Lector Workbook. Practice reading aloud. Pay attention to the dialog. You are proclaiming the Word of God.
* Biblical pronunciations can be found online, in the sacristy (small orange booklet in cupboard) and in the lector workbook.
1. Before Mass
* Dress appropriately
* Arrive 15 minutes early to review announcements, readings, and prayer with Father
* Confirm the Lectionary is on the ambo
1. Start of Mass
* Check to see if microphone is on (green light on)
* Make eye contact with the parishioners. Read the script - welcome, announcements, and opening hymn
1. During Mass
* When you begin the readings, make eye contact with parishioners. Proclaim “A Reading from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. Do not vary from what is printed in the Lectionary! Pause, with eye contact, before you say “The Word of the Lord”
* After the 1st reading step away from the ambo. **The Cantor will sing the responsorial psalm.** If there isn’t a Cantor, then read the responsorial psalm.
* When the Cantor is finished and halfway to seat, begin 2nd reading
* If there is not a Cantor at mass, Father will sing the “Alleluia” and the Verse before the Gospel. “Alleluia” will be sung again by parishioners.
* Lector may be seated after the 2nd reading
* **If Deacon is NOT at mass, lectors will read the Prayer of the Faithful after the Creed.**
1. After Mass
* Put the Lectionary away after the 10am Mass