

CPOP Lector Guidelines for Mass

1. Arrive for Mass at least 10 minutes before Mass is scheduled to begin. Gather in the Sacristy for last minute changes or instructions. There is always a copy of the Lectionary in the sacristy so you may look over the readings again. Also, the lector with the first reading should check the ambo to make sure that the book is opened to the correct readings; the lector with the petitions should read over them and ask Father about pronunciation of names.
2. The group of ministers will proceed into the gathering space to line up for the opening procession. The order of the procession should be as follows:

One lector, with deacon:

Server with Cross
Servers with candles
(LotW Catechists)
Lector
Deacon with Gospel book
Presider

One lector, without deacon:

Server with Cross
Servers with candles
(LotW Catechists)
Lector with Gospel book
Presider

Two lectors, with deacon:

Server with Cross
Servers with candles
(LotW Catechists)
Lectors, side by side
Deacon with Gospel book
Presider

Two lectors without deacon:

Server with Cross
Servers with candles
(LotW Catechists)
Lector*
Lector with Gospel book*
Presider

* note: Lector with second reading walks in first.
Lector with first reading carries Gospel book.
Gospel book should be held slightly elevated
with front cover facing out to the assembly.

3. As the procession approaches the Sanctuary:
Lectors without the Gospel book: bow before the steps, then peel off and head to seats.
Do not enter the Sanctuary.
Lector carrying the Gospel book: Enter the Sanctuary and place the book on the Altar, front cover facing down. Then head off to the left to your seat in the pews, without bowing or genuflecting.
4. Within the Mass:
1st lector: Walk up to the ambo after the opening prayer or during the exiting of the children (if applicable). Turn the page to the 2nd reading when you're done.
2nd lector: Walk to the ambo after the psalm. Place the lectionary on the ambo shelf after the reading. For the petitions, walk to the ambo during the Profession of Faith at the phrase "We believe in the Holy Spirit..."
Each lector should bow before entering the Sanctuary and should walk up the steps located between the ambo and Cantor podium.
5. After Mass, lectors should not exit with the Recessional.