

## **PRACTICAL SUMMARY OF LECTOR'S WORKSHOP**

Thanks to all who were able to attend the workshop last week.

For those who were unable to attend, I have a hard copy of the hand outs given to us by Fr. Kuzma.

The handouts are from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and from our own Diocesan Liturgy Office.

The documents are short, precise and offer good clarity on the role of the lector.

Please see me after Mass to receive your hard copy if you don't have one yet.

We encourage you to read both for better understanding of why we do what we do, and also as an affirmation of this very important ministry. Later in the fall, at the Masses in each church, there will be a (re)commissioning of all volunteers to this Ministry.

Below is a summary of the practical points of performing this ministry at St. Mary's and the Missions.

# **Directions for Lectors of St. Mary's and the Missions Parish**

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## **Where there is a Book of Gospels:**

### Preparation (before Mass begins):

1. The Lectionary is placed on the ambo, open to the correct page. The Book of Gospels is taken to the back of the church to be used in the opening procession.

### Opening Procession:

2. The Book of Gospels is carried in the entrance procession by the Deacon, or in his absence, one of the Lectors.
3. The Deacon or Lector will walk in front of the Priest in procession, holding the Book of Gospels just above eye level, or at a comfortable height but for all to see.
4. Upon arriving at the foot of the steps to the sanctuary, the Deacon or Lector will stop, bow to the Altar, and then process up the steps to the sanctuary around the Altar to place the book of Gospels flat on the Altar in the center.
5. The Deacon or Lector will then return to his/her place, taking the simplest route back, but one that will conflict least with the Priest's movement into the Sanctuary.

### Proclaiming the Readings during Mass:

6. When walking up to the sanctuary, each Lector will stop at the foot of the steps to the sanctuary, bow to the altar, and then proceed up the steps towards the ambo.
7. At the end of each reading the Lector will take a step back, pause for a few seconds, bow to the Lectionary, and return directly to their seat.
8. Following the Second Reading the Lector will also remove the Lectionary and place it on a small table before returning to his/her seat.

### Reading Petitions:

9. The Lector will wait until the congregation finishes speaking the Profession of Faith before walking towards the Lectern. He/she will bow to the altar at the foot of the sanctuary before going up the steps.

### **Where there is no Book of Gospels**

1. The Lectionary is placed on the Ambo before Mass begins, opened to the First Reading, and the Lectors will not be part of the opening procession, but will be seated before Mass begins. **The Lectionary is not carried in the procession.**
2. When walking up to the sanctuary, each Lector will stop at the foot of the steps to the sanctuary (in the center), bow to the altar, and then proceed up the steps towards the ambo.
3. At the end of each reading the Lector will take a step back, pause for a few seconds, bow to the Lectionary, and return directly to their seat.
4. The Lectionary is not carried in the Closing Procession.
5. The Lector will wait until the congregation finishes speaking the Profession of Faith before walking towards the Lectern. He/she will bow to the altar at the foot of the sanctuary before going up the steps.

*For Lectors in Owen Sound....if you are unable to be present when scheduled, and have been unable to find a substitute, please call me (Corry) before 4pm on Saturday, and before 8am on Sunday, and I will attempt to find a lector in attendance to cover for you.*

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