

LECTORING ON WEEKENDS DURING LENT 2009

Special Instructions

- Make sure that the lectionary (book) is open and ready on the ambo before the start of Mass.
- There will be no procession at the beginning of Mass. Just take your seat in church.
- There will be only one reading, assigned to the reader as follows:
First Sunday—Noah story (OT)
Second Sunday—Abraham (OT)
Third Sunday—Rules (OT)
Fourth Sunday—Ephesians: God's mercy (NT)
Fifth Sunday—Death (OT)
Palm Sunday—[We will use 2 lectors!]
- The reader is required to attend the Saturday morning practice session.
- During Lent there will be no recitation of the Nicene Creed at any of the weekend Masses.

Lector's Signal to Read

- The liturgy will begin in silence and darkness.
- Then there will be a sung "Kyrie" followed by an absolution.
- The presider will introduce the opening prayer with, "Let us pray . . ." — concluding with, ". . . through Christ Our Lord. Amen."
- Congregation sits down.
- Immediately, approach the ambo from the altar side.
- There will be no introduction before the reading.
- Always announce the title of the reading, e.g., "A reading from the Book of . . ."
- Pause after you finish proclaiming the Scripture. Take a deep breath, look at the congregation before saying, "The word of the Lord."
- Return to your seat, exiting the ambo from the altar side.

(At 7 a.m. Mass, the lector continues with the reading of the Responsorial Psalm, leading the congregation in the Response, after each verse.)

- Close the book and put it under the ambo surface.
- Place the prayers of the faithful sheet on top of the lectionary (under the ambo surface).
- Return to your seat, exiting the ambo from the altar side.

Prayers of the Faithful

- Before Mass, make sure that a copy of the Prayers is on the ambo shelf.
- The Nicene Creed will not be recited during Lent.
- When the homily ends and the homilist sits down next to the presiding priest, that is your signal to go to the ambo for the Prayers of the Faithful. (Generally, but not always, the presiding priest will say a few words of introduction.)

Note: Because of RCIA Dismissals and special rites during Lent, the 10:45 Mass will follow a somewhat different pattern. Wait until after the RCIA Candidates have been prayed over and dismissed. Then, go to the ambo for the Prayers of the Faithful. (*Note:* there will be no Dismissal on March 8.)

- Read the petitions as written.
- Remain at the ambo until the priest has read the whole list of sick and deceased people and concluded with a short prayer.
- Return to your seat.

Note: An extra copy of the prayers of the faithful is pinned to the sacristy bulletin board, just in case the sheet should disappear from the ambo.