

GUIDELINES

PREPARATION : Prayer, Practice, People

- Your Sunday reading will be much richer if you prayerfully read Scripture on a regular basis, practice makes perfect. Daily using USCCB Daily Readings site or the bulletin front for a guide. USCCB site has someone reading the readings as well and a commentary. All readings in ordinary time follow along in the books of the Bible in all liturgical years (i.e.2022: Year C)
- PRACTICE: not repeating but emphasizing. Even if it is on the way to Mass in the car! But this time, out loud.
- It is for the People of God, the Living Words of God are proclaimed.
1st reader: O.T. is usually Poetic, using repetition of a word, a phrase as it was word picture before written word.

2nd reader: N.T. letters are instructive-please read slowly, the life lesson is in the last two sentences, which could be the whole reading. Punctuation is important. Look at the “Beloved” you are addressing in those letters. Follow the helps in the margins, the bolded words, and be familiar with pronunciation guides. When finished reading, close the Lectionary and place it on the shelf behind the ambo.

MASS PRESENTATION: Posed, Prayer, People

- Posed: Dress in business casual. Arrive at the very least 10 minutes before Mass start, adjust microphone at ambo, set lectionary to 1st reading-even if not 1st reader. (If in doubt about which readings, ask the priest.) Review announcement or Prayers of the Faithful in the binder. Pronunciations and pausing is very important in these. Ask someone if you do not know pronunciation.
- Prayer: Quietly greet, thank, talk with your Creator, Redeemer, Helper and ask to make His words alive through you to the people. You’ve got the best seat in the house-right in front of the tabernacle.
- People: Once you have done your readings, go ahead and sit with your people. But again, the focus is on what is happening on the altar. Wait for and watch and listen for words as your cue to walk to ambo (Creed: “prophets.”), stand at ambo for the prayers of vocations, leave 1st seat after all Liturgy of the Word is finished.

PERAMETERS: Pick up, Plan ahead, People

- Pick Up schedule the weeks before the next month’s assignments. They will be posted on the Ministry Schedule and on our parish website.
- Plan Ahead if you know you have weekend plans. Let Parish Office know in advance if you are unable to read in the coming month, by phoning 715-427-5259. Better yet, write the dates you are not available on a slip of paper and place in the collection basket by the first weekend of the prior month. When you are scheduled and an emergency or illness comes up, call a replacement at the very least 3 hours before Mass.
- Politeness- Consider wearing a mask if your fellow reader is wearing a mask and seated next to you. No masks while you read. Turn lectionary to the next reading before being seated, if 1st reader. Go out for Communion either following others in 2nd pew if disabled are in that first pew, or in front of the pew. Be just a voice for God’s Word. That is the focal point of this privilege to proclaim the Word. Do all things well.

This is just a simple guideline. There might be tweaks along the process in the environment we are in. But if any questions, go to the source first, your heart, your mind. Use your best voice, deep & clear, pronouncing consonant endings, and creating a worship of the Word for God’s people. God bless you for your role in Celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass.