

St. John Catholic Church – Lector Procedures

Lectors do the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at the Masses. Two lectors are scheduled for each Sunday Mass.

- Changes take effect, Oct. 1, 2016.

Opening procession

The line-up is as follows:

- altar servers
- lector 2
- lector1 with Book of Gospels
- Priest

If there is a deacon, he will carry the book then the 2 readers will be side by side. (Eucharistic ministers are no longer be part of the opening procession.)

Approaching the altar

The person carrying the book will not stop at the foot of the altar but will walk around the right side of the altar to the back of the altar and place the book face up, gently in the middle of the altar. The other members of the procession remain at the foot of the altar, before the first step.

Important: After placing the book reader 1, still at the back of the altar, will bow at the same time as the priest and reader 2 who are still at the foot of the altar. (The priest may genuflect in front of the altar after processing in, but the readers should bow.)

After bowing, reader 1 will walk around the left side of the altar (left as facing the altar from the front, but right as facing the altar from the back) as the priest comes around the right side as facing the altar from the front. Reader 1 and reader 2 proceed immediately to their seats without further bowing.

Readings

After the opening prayer is complete reader1, reader2 and the cantor come up together and bow together.

Then all stay at the altar until the readings and response are completed then come down together, bow together and return to their places. Reader 2, as usual, will come back up for the petitions towards the end of the creed. Reader2 should try and time it to arrive at the ambo before the creed is complete. Exception: If there is a Deacon, please check if the Deacon will read the petitions, in which case Reader2 does not come up for the petitions.

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