

Lector/Reader

Saint Mary & Saint Barbara Parishes

Weekends & Holy Days of Obligation

Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass. Make sure the readings are on the correct page. Go through the prayer of the faithful. Place the Lectionary and the prayer of the faithful at the ambo. Sit near the Sanctuary.

Come to the Ambo for the readings after the priest is seated following the opening prayer. Place the lectionary on the lower shelf after the readings are proclaimed. Return to your place in the congregation after the Second reading.

Approach the ambo for the prayer of the faithful at the end of the Creed. When completed, turn off the mic and turn to the Priest for the concluding prayer. Return to your place in the congregation after the priest has finished the concluding prayer.

After Mass, return the lectionary and the book of the gospels to their appropriate places.

It is very important that Lectors always come to Mass prepared to serve if needed. Appropriate attire is expected of those who are commissioned for the purpose. Please, always set a good example in terms of attire for all our parishioners when attending Mass.

If you are not available on your scheduled day, please find a substitute.

On Silence

The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to promote meditation, and so any sort of haste that hinders recollection must clearly be avoided. During the Liturgy of the Word, it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence, accommodated to the gathered assembly, in which, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the first and second reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the homily., from the GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003.

*Thank you so much for being a Lector.
May God Bless You.*