

Proper Attire: Your attire and demeanor should demonstrate your appreciation of how your role fits within the worship experience. Your ministry as an lector is an encounter with the Lord, the Word of God, n. Such an encounter requires a reverent demeanor and appropriate clothing. The Diocesan regulations would state No shorts or jeans and no wording on shirts/blouses, as people will focus on the words of your clothing rather than encounter with the Lord.

The lectionary/gospel and other books are in the first shelf on left side of the sink in the sacristy. Generally they are laying on the counter before Mass. The vessels and items for Communion are on the right side of sink.

We will begin scheduling two readers for each Mass beginning July 1, 2018.

The first name listed will do the first reading and the second name will do the second reading. However, please prepare both in case one is unable to lector that weekend, although it is good to get a substitute.

1. The mic has been fixed so you only need to turn on the mic (red light will appear if it is on); or gently move the arm of the microphone.
2. The lectionary will be on the Ambo marked to the page of the reading that is done first. Please check it before Mass.
3. Come up to the Ambo to do the readings from your seat in the Assembly. And go back to the Assembly to be seated.
4. Note: Please just state: A reading from the Book of Exodus or the Letter of St. Paul.....

Note: No statement of First, Second Reading as these readings are not in competition nor designation of importance. The Gospel is the most important. (Bishop Utner)

5. The Deacon (when present) carries in the Gospel. Otherwise the first Lector does. When carrying in the Gospel book, please go up to the Altar before the priest and place it face down on the Altar. (Thus when the priest picks it up it will be facing forward and no twirling of the book to get it facing forward.)
6. When approaching the Ambo for reading or intercessions, please wait till the prayer or creed is finished. Pray with the assembly rather than walking to the Ambo.
7. The Intercessions will be in Binder on the Ambo with a copy on the counter in the sacristy. The intercessions are done by the Deacon when present, otherwise by the second reader.
8. At baptisms, the intercessions for the child will be combined with the general intercessions. These are done following the homily. Usually the creed is first but not on this occasion.
9. After Mass, lectors reset the Lectionary for the next Mass or after the 9:00 am Mass return the Lectionary and the Gospel books to the front Sacristy.

Thanks for your ministry to the Word of God and the Church of St. Thomas.