

## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE LECTORS

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- ♦ They should be truly suited to perform this function.
- ♦ They should receive careful preparation such that their proclamation enables the faithful by listening to the readings from the sacred texts to develop in their hearts a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture.

### LITURGICAL FUNCTION:

The lector carries the Book of Gospels, in the Entrance Procession when there is no deacon present. (The Lectionary remains at the ambo and is never carried in the Entrance Procession. When the lector carries the Book of Gospels, he/she walks in front of the priest; otherwise, he/she walks with the other ministers.

At the altar all ministers make a profound bow and the lector proceeds to place the Book of Gospels on the altar. After this, the lector proceeds to his/her seat.

When there is no singing at the Entrance and Communion and when the antiphons in the Missal are not recited by the faithful, the lector may read them at the appropriate times.

After the *Collect*, the lector goes to the ambo and proclaims the *First Reading*. The Readings from the Old and New Testaments end with the acclamation, "*The Word of the Lord.*"

After an appropriate time of silence, in the absence of a psalmist, the verses of the Psalm are proclaimed by the lector and the people sing or say the *Psalm* refrain.

After a brief pause, the lector proclaims the *Second Reading*. This *Reading* is followed by an appropriate time of silence.

After the recitation of the *Creed*, in the absence of a deacon, the lector, cantor, or another person announces the intentions of the *Prayer of the Faithful* from the ambo or another suitable place.

**(Material taken from *General Instruction of the Roman Missal Liturgy Documentary Series 2* published by the USCCB)**

A formal commissioning by the pastor takes place at the end of the training sessions. **You will need to attend all three sessions.**

Workshops will held on the following dates and times:

(The Religious Education Office is located on the second floor of the parish center. After you climb the stairs, turn right—the office is the first one on the right.)

Wednesday, May 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office

**Topic: Breaking Open the Word**

Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office

**Topic: The History & Being the Word**

Wednesday, June 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church

**Topic: Look, Speak, Touch** (Different workshop than the Eucharist Minister Workshop)