

## HELPFUL TIPS FOR LECTORS

- ◆ Lectors will be better prepared if they look at the readings a week in advance,
- ◆ practice reading out loud,
- ◆ before Mass, let the celebrant know you are present and ask for help with pronunciation of names in the petitions if in doubt,
- ◆ adjust microphone before beginning to read,
- ◆ stand straight and do not lean into the microphone,
- ◆ do not say "the first reading is from" or some such,
- ◆ use your hand to keep track whenever you look up for eye contact with the people,
- ◆ look up towards different parts of the congregation, not just those only in front
- ◆ give consideration to reading short readings at a slightly slower pace than normal to give people time to settle in before the reading is finished,
- ◆ pause two to three seconds after you have finished the reading, before saying "The word of the Lord,"
- ◆ daily Mass readers also lead the Responsorial Psalm. Pause after the first reading for congregation's refrain and look up to help them and perhaps use a subtle hand gesture, like one palm up a bit, to help them know where each of the refrains go. If the refrain is complicated or hard for the congregation to remember, say the refrain along with the congregation, but not too loud,
- ◆ during the Prayers of the Faithful read all names slowly and distinctly, and
- ◆ the overall importance of the ministry of the Word was emphasized in that God is present in the reading of the word, and public lives of Lectors should reflect this ministry.