

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church- Liturgical Year 2065-2017

Liturgical Ministers: Lectors

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” (Isaiah 50:4)

Description

The lector proclaims the Word of God to the congregation in a clear and compelling manner, and so inspires the congregation to ponder and meditate on God’s Word in their daily lives. The lector also offers to God the prayers of the faithful on behalf of the congregation.

Qualifications

A lector is an individual who actively participates in the life and liturgy of the Church and the parish and is fully initiated into and in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. A lector must have a clear and steady voice, be comfortable reading in public, and be willing to study Scripture passages and take time to practice proclaiming the reading before each liturgical assignment to achieve effective liturgical proclamation.

Training

One-on-one training may be arranged at any time for new lectors. Lector training is comprised of both spiritual formation and practical training and includes the following:

- Preparing for Mass, review of Lector’s Workbook and other resources
- The selection of the readings for each Mass
- Arrival time 15 minutes before Mass
- Review of the Lectionary and the Prayer of the Faithful
- Review of use of the microphone
- Processing with the Book of the Gospels

- Introducing each reading
- Approaching the ambo for the First Reading
- The Responsorial Psalm (with and without a cantor)
- The Second Reading
- Approaching the ambo for the Prayer of the Faithful

Commissioning:

The pastor will commission all new lectors after training is complete and prior to commencing service.

Scheduling:

Scheduling of lectors will be done quarterly, following the liturgical year (beginning with the first Sunday in Advent). One lector will be scheduled for each Mass.