

### General Instructions for Lectors

1. Please sit close to the front when you are serving as a lector.
2. When you come up to read: walk to the front, stand correctly in front of the altar, and bow. Do not step up into the sanctuary. Do not bow to the tabernacle, bow to the altar.
3. When you are finished with your reading you have two options when returning to your seat. If you are sitting on the Rte.22 side of the church and you have to cross in front of the altar to return to your seat, then after your reading, you need to bow again to the altar. If you do not need to cross the altar, you can return to your seat without bowing.
4. For the person that reads the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions), please follow this procedure: AFTER Father has finished with the Creed he will pause and let the lector come up front, bow to the altar, and take his or her place at the ambo. When the lector is at the ambo, Father will introduce the petitions with a prayer. The lector then reads the petitions. After the last petition, there is a closing prayer. The lector needs to stay at the ambo until Father is finished with that prayer. Once Father is finished, the rest of the congregation will start to sit down and the lector can return to their seat. (If you have to cross the altar to get to your seat, you will need to bow to the altar. If you do not need to cross the altar, please just return to your seat)

When you are scheduled to lector, please dress appropriately. Dress shoes, dress pants or skirt, tie (optional), collared shirt no jeans, no sneakers, no sandals. Please just use common sense, as you represent the Church.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks,  
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