

Sign Up Form
Lector – Ministers of the Word

Christ the King - St. Charles Church

The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a ministry in the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. In and through you, God speaks to the gathered faithful.

The Word of God is not merely read during the liturgy, "it is proclaimed." Effective proclamation involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction and appropriate pace. Proclamation is a special ministry which presupposes faith and also rouses faith in those who hear the Word proclaimed. Lectors are carefully chosen based on their skills in proclamation, their willingness for ongoing formation in this ministry, and their evidence of a deep spirituality.

REQUIREMENTS

All liturgical ministers, especially the ministers of the Word, must be properly trained for their ministry. The ministry of the Word requires skill in public reading, knowledge of the principles of liturgy, and an understanding and love of the scriptures. Normally, only properly trained and commissioned lectors are scheduled for liturgy.

- attends Mass regularly and receiving Eucharist.
- be fully initiated, practicing Catholics whose lives witness to the Word which they proclaim.
- adhere to the guidance provided in the St. Charles Parish Lector handbook.
- Continually striving to develop his or her "proclamation" skills through enrichment programs, such as workshops, retreats, missions, bible study courses, and other opportunities for spiritual and faith formation.
- not be scheduled for any other liturgical ministry (at a Mass) in which you are serving as lector.
- demonstrate preparation when exercising the ministry; Preparation should be spiritual, scriptural, and practical. Spiritual preparation involves prayer over the text and reflection on its message. Scriptural preparation involves understanding the text and interpreting it sufficiently so as to evoke a response from the assembly. Practical preparation involves mastering difficult words, learning the right pronunciations and practicing the delivery of the text aloud, ideally in the presence of someone who is able to critique the delivery. It is unacceptable to rush into the sacristy just before Mass to "look at the readings"

If you are an adult and feel you may have the gift of proclaiming, please contact the Ministry Coordinator.

Name and address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Check Preference: Christ the King Church St. Charles Borromeo Church

Mass preference: (You can list one Mass if you wish. If you list two Masses, you will be selected for No. 2 if there are too few ministers at that Mass)

1. _____ 2. _____

Availability to serve: Once a month _____ Every other week: _____

Note to Scheduler: _____

Note: by submitting the following form, a person is verifying that s/he meets and agrees with all the above.

Signature: _____

Thank you for offering yourself in service to the Liturgy