

Readers

Thank you for volunteering to be a Reader at Sorrowful Mother Parish. Readers are a significant part of a parish noted to be vibrant and dynamic.

Our main focus is to proclaim the Word of God to the gathered assembly at Liturgy. It is a proclamation of the Word, not just a reading. If it's just to be read, the congregation could do that for themselves. You are allowing the Holy Spirit to work through you so that the congregation hears "The Word of the Lord". The Proclamation needs to be loud, clear and not done quickly. You need to have good eye contact and speak directly into the microphone.

Normally there should be one Reader assigned per Mass. If any reader is unable to help at an assigned Liturgy, he or she should call a substitute from the schedule. The reader should arrive at Church as least 15 minutes before the celebration of Mass. Please note that if you are absent 3 times, you may be dropped from the readers' list.

Our responsibilities include:

- 1) Prepare your reading before you get to Church. Read it aloud at least 4-5 times during the week.
- 2) When you arrive at Church, go up to the ambo and look at the Lectionary.
- 3) After the opening prayer, the reader walks to the ambo for the reading.
 - A) The reader does not read the explanation before the reading. The reader then begins with "A Reading From ..."
 - B) After the reading pause slightly before saying "The Word Of The Lord." This is not part of the reading but a statement.
 - C) Take a step back and bow your head for about 10 seconds in order to give every one a moment to reflect on what was just proclaimed. (If there is no music at a given Liturgy, the reader should also read the responsorial psalm).
- 4) The reader then proclaims the second reading following steps A, B, and C in step 3.
- 5) The reader reads the general intercessions for the mass.

The Parish sincerely thanks each of you for your time and energy in helping others to hear the Word of God proclaimed at Liturgy.

God Bless You in your ministry!!!!