LECTOR



DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Lector is the storyteller of the community who bring life to the written Word of God. Answering the call to become a lector enters one into a deeper relationship with God as revealed in sacred scripture. To be lector is a commitment of service.

ACTIVITIES:

- Carries the Book of the Gospels in the gathering procession.
- Proclaims the scripture readings and the Prayer of the Faithful.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Pray, study, and prepare the scripture readings for assigned liturgies.
- Be responsible for finding a substitute lector if unable to read on assigned date.
- Commit to ongoing faith formation and training activities that prepare them and sustain them in their call to the ministry.

Witness Statement 1:

"Being a lector has added to my understanding of the readings at Mass. I look forward to when I'm scheduled to read because as I use the workbook to prepare; it gives me the background for the readings and gives me a much better understanding of the scriptures. Before I read, I ask the Holy Spirit to help me proclaim the Word the way it was meant to be heard. It is a privilege to serve the people of Our Lady of Mercy as a lector."

Sue McCreary

Witness Statement 2:

"I was inspired to become a lector from an elderly parishioner who heard me speak. She said I should become a lector because she didn't have to struggle to hear my voice. I continue with this ministry for her and others who can hear my voice clearly and I what I hope is that they hear our Lord speaking to them."

Beth Stephenson

Witness Statement 3:

"It is hard to put into words what being a lector has meant to me. When I joined Our Lady of Mercy I wanted to become part of a ministry to meet other parishioners and have a part in the celebration of the Mass. In my role as a lector I have the opportunity to study the readings throughout the week and share them at Mass. As a lector I feel I'm not just a parishioner, but a responsible contributing member of the parish. My love for Our Lady of Mercy continues to grow through my involvement with this ministry."

Maureen Murabito



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