

Things to Remember!

- * Dress appropriately (*No shorts; No t-shirts*)
- * Arrive 20 mins. before mass begins. Inform the other Lector of your presence. **During special seasons such as Christmas Eve or Holy Week, Holy Saturday, etc. arrive at least 30 mins. before Mass.**
- * Check folder, in vestry, for Introductions, Prayers of the Faithful and Announcements. Practice reading them. Second Lector to leave "Prayer of the Faithful" folder in the ambo. If you do not know pronunciation of names, ask for correct pronunciation.
- * Do a microphone check. Test the microphone to see how you sound and the distance you should stand from the microphone.
- * Check that the lectionary is in place and at the appropriate reading.
- * Check to see if there is a procession with the Book of the Gospels. (clue: if Altar Servers carry cross) Bring Book of the Gospels for procession. If Deacon is present, Deacon processes with the Book of the Gospels.

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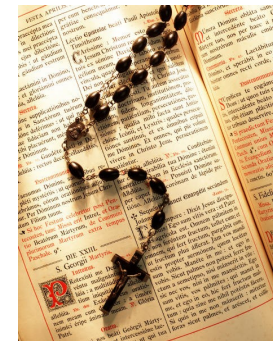
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Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.
Monday—Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. (No Mass on Thursday)
First Friday Adoration: 7:00 a.m.— Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays: Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.
Mass begins at 5:00 p.m.

The Ministry of Proclaiming God's Word (Lector)



"He said to them, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.' They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them."

Mark 16:15,20

Immaculate Conception Church Ewa

To Become a Minister of the Word (Lector)

Any fully initiated Catholic (16 years and older) in good standing with the Church answering the call to serve as a Minister of the Word may inform the parish office of their desire to become a Minister of the Word. Lectors are fully initiated, practicing Catholics whose lives give witness to the Word which they proclaim.



All Lectors must be properly trained for their ministry. This ministry of the Word requires skill in public reading, knowledge of the principles of liturgy, and an understanding of the scriptures. Only properly trained and commissioned Lectors should be scheduled for liturgy. (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM #101), Lectionary for Mass (LM) Intro #14*)

Training is required prior to serving at Mass the first time. Initial training will be conducted by the Lector Coordinator.

Annual training is scheduled regularly. Please check the parish bulletin. All Lectors are required to attend these training sessions to acquaint them with their roles as Lectors.

For pastoral reasons family members or friends may be allowed to read during funeral or wedding liturgies even though they are not formally trained and commissioned as Lectors. The parish should provide assistance to them so that God's Word is properly proclaimed.

All Lectors should be commissioned for their ministry, preferably during a Sunday Mass. The blessing used for this commissioning is found in the Book of Blessings. (Ch 61)

Preparation

The Ministers of the Word schedule will be available at Immaculate Conception or on the parish website, <http://www.immaculateconceptionewa.com/> under the "Ministers of Readers/Lectors Schedule" heading.

Lectors are expected to read clearly, accurately and with proper expression before the assembly, so that the Word of God can be easily heard and understood by all. To do this, it is important to prepare.



Individual preparation

Honor and Privilege:

- The Word of God is precious to us; it nourishes our faith.
- Reading from the Bible to people assembled in church is not ordinary reading but proclaiming.
- Proclaiming is reading aloud what we believe to be true, and reading in such a way that others will believe it too.

Responsibility

Read the first, second, and Gospel reading, found in "Workbook for Lectors," know the general theme of all three readings.

Pray with the readings, asking God to help you understand its message.

Look up in the dictionary any words you don't understand and check on pronunciations if not already listed in the workbook.

Practice reading your text out loud, slowly and distinctly, as many times as necessary (*at least* two or three). Practicing the readings can help you gain confidence in proclaiming the Word.

Pace yourself, pausing wherever there is punctuation or a break in the text. The most common failing in reading the word is to rush through it, reading too quickly.

Do not serve as Eucharistic Minister if you are lecturing for a particular Mass unless it is a DIRE emergency. There are usually numerous EMs available however not so many Lectors. Bishop Silva is very firm about this so please respect his directive. Occasionally at a small parish or mission church, this may be unavoidable but that's not the case at Immaculate Conception.

The following are some useful internet links to help you prepare:

Lector Preparation (<http://www.lectorprep.org/>)

Online Biblical words pronunciation guide (<http://netministries.org/BBasics/bbbott.htm>)

Bible Speech (<http://www.biblespeech.com/>)

The Lector Coordinator also has various publications that are helpful

IMPORTANT!! All Lectors are responsible for being present at their scheduled time. If you are unable to attend, you are responsible to obtain a replacement and/or informing the Lector Coordinator. Please find your own replacement and notify the other Lector that you are not able to come, in case they end up having to do both readings.

Mass Responsibilities

The Lectors are responsible for the following readings:

First Lector

- Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word.
- Announcements
- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm (if not sung)

Second Lector

- Processing with the Book of the Gospels and placing it on the altar (when the Deacon NOT present)
- Second Reading
- Prayers of the Faithful (when Deacon is NOT present)

Placing the book on the altar is primarily for senior lectors who have difficulty carrying the Book of the Gospels due to its large size.