

Minister of the Word

“Process, Proclaim, Pray”

Attire - Business Casual – minimum

Arrival – You are expected to arrive at least **15 minutes** prior to the start of Mass. Upon arrival, check in with the sacristan and check your name on the attendance sheet located on the bulletin board near the servers’ room.

Preparation – Kindly, read the readings before you arrive. The Lectionary is located on a stand near the Priest’s Sacristy. It is important that you are well prepared to proclaim the Scriptures. To familiarize yourself with the placement of the readings, you should go the AMBO prior to the beginning of mass and locate your reading in the Lectionary Book on the AMBO.

Procession – The reader(s) will process into the church following the Cross and Candles. When you reach the Altar steps, kindly bow and go immediately to your seat. **Please Note:** During the Seasons of Advent and Lent, the readers do not process. Please take your seat near the AMBO.

Seating – Readers are expected to sit in close proximity to the sanctuary i.e. first three pews. You may choose to sit with your family, spouse or friend(s), but they too must sit in the first three pews!

Timing – For the first and second readings: approach the sanctuary, bow toward the Altar at the steps, proceed to the Ambo, and proclaim the Scripture. Do not leave the Ambo until the people have finished saying “Thanks be to God.” When you leave the Sanctuary, you should bow at the foot of the steps toward the Altar and return to your seat.