

Proclaim

The Newsletter for Lectors of Holy Name of Mary Parish



Our new Lector Workbooks are in! Please pick up your Cycle C books from the Pastoral Center from Maria Romo. If you have a challenge making it to the Pastoral Center during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

please make arrangements with me so I can put them in the Sacristy for you to pick up either on a Sunday or during Lector practice. Space is limited in the Sacristy though and your book may be subject to loss or damage. So only if you absolutely cannot make it will we resort to this alternative. The workbook becomes effective the weekend of November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent. When you get a chance, thank Fr. Tom, Kathy Hurt, and Roberta Schaeffer for procuring this great tool for us. Not all Lectors are so fortunate to have their parish purchase and furnish their ministers these workbooks. So, let them know you're grateful for their support of our ministry, and let's show our appreciation with proclamations that make a difference.

On the last Sunday of this Liturgical Year, on the Feast of Christ the King, November 23rd, we will have a **re-commissioning of all current Lectors** at the 11:00 am mass. Every Lector is asked to be there regardless of how long you've been a Lector at Holy Name of Mary, or whether you've already been publicly commissioned or not. Much like World Marriage Sunday where husbands and wives renew their vows, so do we as Lectors reaffirm our commitment to serve the assembly by continuing to bring to life the Word of God in their midst. The assembly and our Pastor in turn renew their trust in us to keep fulfilling the wonderful calling that we have answered.



A tradition began two years ago when the Lector Ministry began selling See's Candy at all the Sunday morning masses of Advent. In the spirit of Mission: Ambo, the tradition continues. This has been quite a lucrative endeavor for us in raising funds for the purchase of the ambo of our new church. And all it takes is an hour or so of our time. Our first

attempt at it brought in over \$800. Last year it more than quadrupled to over \$3400. That's because our assembly knows we're doing this ultimately for their benefit.. But not only do they know we're doing it, but have come to expect to see us at the doors with our boxes of chocolates during the holiday season. This year, we're going to start the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov 23rd, and continue on till the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec 22nd at all the morning masses. We will camp out with our tables at both exit doors. Attached is a sign-up sheet with the dates and shifts that we need. Each Sunday has three shifts starting 10 minutes before mass till 20 minutes after the mass. I pray you will be as generous with your time as the people of Holy Name of Mary have been in supporting our cause. Please send in or call in your choices to me by Wednesday, November 19. I will send out an email with the final schedule and post a copy in the sacristy with the Lector Schedule. I thank you in advance for the time and effort you put forth in furthering the mission of this blessed ministry.

Yours is nothing less than the ministry of the Lord's voice... calling out in the midst of God's people.

Beatification - a permission for public worship restricted to certain places and to certain acts. Only the Pope may beatify a person proven to have lived a life of sanctity or died as a martyr. These individuals are thusly called *Blessed*.

Literary Forms of Scripture

This is the a series of articles reproduced to better understand the type of readings presented to us Lectors for proclamation. Properly practiced and prepared for, it will evoke the true message intended by the author for its audience—our assembly.

Second Reading

Philippians: Paul's first European Christian community was at Philippi. The price he paid for that community included arrest and imprisonment, but the community flourished and Paul had a special affection for "his Philippians." The letter rambles some but despite it's many topics, it has a consistent tone of real affection and apostolic joy. It should be read with briskness, optimism and pride.

Romans: The first Christians in Rome were Jews. These Jews were expelled from Rome about 40 A.D. and after that the majority of Christians in Rome were Gentiles. Even though Paul did not found the community in Rome, he was well informed about the community and aware of the problems there. In his Letter to the Romans, he stresses the relationship between Judaism and Christianity and explains that Jesus is the New Law and the Source of Salvation. Since Paul did not know the community personally, the letter is lacking in emotion. It should be read more like a treatise than a letter.

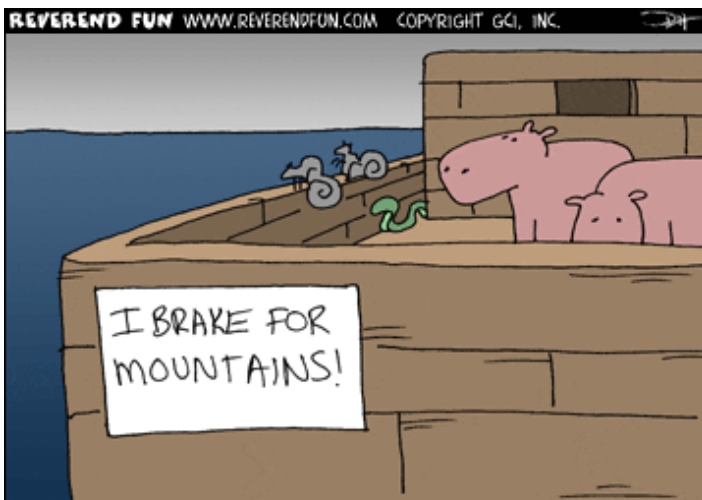
1 Thessalonians: Paul formed a Christian community at Thessalonica on his second missionary journey. The large Jewish colony there basically rejected Paul and to prevent further disturbance he agreed to leave the city. The community was persecuted by the Jews and also by the pagans but evidently their faith was strong and steadfast and they were fervent in charity. The tone of the letter is entirely optimistic and gentle. It should be read proudly and in a commending spirit.

2 Thessalonians: Since the Thessalonians, like other early Christians, expected Jesus to return soon, they were inclined to be idle. Their attitude was "Why worry"? It will soon be over." Coupled with that internal problem there was also intensified persecution. Paul addresses both problems in this second letter to the Thessalonians. The letter has a slight scolding tone and should be read with a voice of authority.

1 & 2 Timothy; Titus: These three pastoral letters are all addressed to the pastor in charge of a local church. The Letters stress moral courage, knowledge of the faith, leadership and charity. Being less organized than today's church, the Letters reflect concern for the people and trust in the leadership.

Know the Word, Love the Word, Live the Word, Give the Word.

Universal Fraternity of the Word, Missionaries of Charity, Third Order



Thanks to Pam Winn (See Genesis 6-8)

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REMINDER

- ◆ When *processing in*, Lector 2, with hymnal in hand, walks **in front** of Lector 1, not beside.
- ◆ When *descending from the ambo* after your reading and 1 minute meditative pause, **turn to your right** to go down the steps so as not to disrespect the altar and Presider.
- ◆ After Lector 2 *finishes reading the Prayers of the Faithful* (General Intercessions), turn to your right to **face the Presider** and join in saying the Hail Mary. When the Presider is done he will take a seat. Only then does Lector 2 descend from the sanctuary.
- ◆ Lector 1 and Lector 2 *join in the recessional* with hymnals in hand joining the assembly in singing the dismissal song, and are **side by side** as they walk out behind the Altar Servers and in front of the Presider.

Prayer + Preparation + Practice = Proper Proclamation

Please sign-up for as many slots as you can to help ensure the success of this year's effort. Return your filled-out form to me (Raul Villaruz, 702 Blackrock Ct, San Dimas, CA 91773) no later than Monday, November 18. I will be mailing out the final assignments by Wednesday, November 20. Thank you for your commitment and generosity to this ministry, its efforts and Mission: Ambo.



See's Candy Table Sign-up Form				
Date	Day	Time	North Door (Front)	East Door (Hall)
Christ the King				
Nov 23	Sun	7:50 - 9:20 am		
		9:20 - 10:50 am		
		10:50 am - 12:20 pm		
1st Sunday of Advent				
Nov 30	Sun	7:50 - 9:20 am		
		9:20 - 10:50 am		
		10:50 am - 12:20 pm		
2nd Sunday of Advent				
Dec 7	Sun	7:50 - 9:20 am		
		9:20 - 10:50 am		
		10:50 am - 12:20 pm		
3rd Sunday of Advent				
Dec 14	Sun	7:50 - 9:20 am		
		9:20 - 10:50 am		
		10:50 am - 12:20 pm		
4th Sunday of Advent				
Dec 21	Sun	7:50 - 9:20 am		
		9:20 - 10:50 am		
		10:50 am - 12:20 pm		
All monies are to be turned in to the person assigned at the East door at the end of your shift.				