

# Proclaim

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*The Newsletter for Lectors of Holy Name of Mary Parish*

## General Intercessions

- ♦ If you are reading these Prayers, please make sure you are **at the ambo by the time the Presider starts** the opening prayer. You may begin your approach halfway through the Profession of Faith. And if it is not yet done by the time you get there, just remain standing at the ambo facing the Presider until it is finished.

## Book of Gospels

- ♦ When moving the Book of Gospels to be placed on the front shelf after the Intercessions, **walk in between the altar and the ambo with the Book open**. Place it on the shelf centered and opened to the current gospel reading with the ribbon flowing down the middle. There is no need to parade the Book down and back up the sanctuary.

## Adjusting the Microphone

- ♦ **Turn off** the microphone at its base (indicated by a green light) to adjust the positioning of the mic without making the irritating creaking sound. Once in place where you want it, turn it on again.

## *Thank You*

*to all of you who recommitted to this Lector Ministry for another year.*

*I know this is not any easy commitment to fulfill. As a matter of fact, being a Lector has been labeled as the second most difficult and demanding*

*liturgical ministry in the Church (right behind preaching).*

*To read, pray, and practice our assignments days before our appointed time bespeaks of the effort required for proper preparation. And rightfully so for we proclaim the Word of God.*

*And these labors do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.*

*When parishioners say "it's getting hard to go to mass anywhere else because the readings don't quite come out the same as they do here," then we've effectively brought His word to life.*

*When Lectors who happen to be visiting from other parishes praise the way the Word was proclaimed, then we've done justice to the Word.*

*When Presiders find the Lectors "a difficult act to follow," then we've truly served.*

*When people from the assembly thank us for helping them grasp the meaning of the reading, then we've fulfilled our calling.*

*Also, my utmost gratitude to all of you who make my job such a joy and so rewarding. Your dedication, cooperation, and trust has made so much of a difference in helping us get the ministry to where it is today. God bless and God speed to you all.*

*~ Raul*

*"We are not worthy to be Lectors. We are called."*