

Proclaim

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The Newsletter for Lectors of Holy Name of Mary Parish

Logistical Changes

Now that we've finally moved into our new church, change is an obvious certainty. Along with our new church comes new stuff to familiarize ourselves with.

- ⇒ First and foremost is our **new Ambo!** It is absolutely beautiful! It's on a platform of its own and has a "barber style" pedal that can raise and lower the reading surface. On its front is a built-in book stand for display of the Book of Gospels.
- ⇒ What we used to process in as the Book of the Gospels is now our new Lectionary. We have a **new Book of Gospels** which is larger (and heavier) than before.



Movement Changes

Before Mass

- ◆ The Book of Gospels may be placed on the gift table (on top or on the shelf below) before processing in.

For Processing In

- ◆ When processing in leave a gap of about *three pews* between you and the person(s) in front of you.
- ◆ Lector 2 stops at the foot of the sanctuary, reverences the altar, and proceeds to his/her seat (without waiting for Lector 1).
- ◆ When processing in Lector 1 goes directly *up the steps* on the right side of the altar and places the Book of Gospels *flat* on the altar *face down* (spine right, ribbon down) *in the center* of the altar. Lector 1 then proceeds directly to his/her seat.

For the Readings

- ◆ The mic should be no closer than the *far edge of the ambo*. This should rarely require adjusting once set. It will require greater projection from the Lector, though. I am of the understanding that this mic on the stand is a temporary setup until the wrinkles of the wireless one (which looks like Father Tom's rig) get ironed out.
- ◆ Our meditative pause after each reading should be no longer than *30 seconds*.

- ◆ After the 2nd Reading, the Lectionary is to be placed *sideways* on the shelf below the reading surface. Because the previous manner of the Gospel procession is no longer practiced (going around the bottom of the sanctuary and showing off the Book to the assembly) *don't forget* to do this because we no longer have time to correct our mistake in case we do forget. The Book of Gospels now goes from altar directly to the ambo.
- ◆ *Turn to your left* when descending from the ambo so as not to turn your back to the Presider and altar.
- ◆ Currently under consideration is an action to move the Book of Gospels to its place in front of the ambo after the Prayers of the Faithful. When official word is received all will be properly notified.

For the Recessional

- ◆ Both Lectors assemble *on the ambo side* with hymnals in hand along with the Presider and Altar Servers at the foot of the sanctuary. We process out beside each other immediately in front of the Presider (and MC(s) and concelebrants if present) three pews behind whoever is in front of us.

After Mass

- ◆ For the Sunday 10:00 am mass only: secure the Book of Gospels in the sacristy. For all other masses, *place it on the stand in front of the ambo* opened to the reading of the day.
- ◆ For the 8:00 am Sunday mass, replace the Lectionary on the ambo. For all other masses, return the Lectionary back to the Sacristy.



If you've noticed, **The Lector Ministry** is listed as an official contributor in the worship aid of the Dedication Mass. It is with deep appreciation and great pride that I thank all of you for such generosity with your time and treasure. It is because of your kindness that this concerted endeavor has been recognized and was even possible. Your selfless service embodies the essence of our ministry, bringing to life the words we proclaim through your deeds. God bless and God speed.

Gratefully, Raul

Allow the Spirit to speak to you and through you.