

Liturgical Ministry Descriptions

Saint Margaret Mary Parish

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Ministry Title:	Lector
Purpose:	The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a service to the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. The ministry of the Word should, therefore, be treated seriously and with great dignity.
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proclaim the first or second reading at Mass• Prayerfully prepare both readings in the event there is only one lector• If no Cantor or musician is present, proclaim the Psalm• Arrive at church 15-20 minutes early to ensure all is prepared and check in with priest and/or deacon if there are any changes• Pray with other ministers before Mass begins• Continuously work to improve reading, comprehension, and proclamation skills
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be an excellent reader and have good comprehension skills• Unafraid of public reading and able to proclaim, not just read• Knowledge of the principles of the liturgy• Understanding of the scriptures• Fully initiated, practicing Catholic, at least 18 years of age• A person of excellent character and serious about the practice of the Catholic faith
Time Required:	<p>The lector should spend appropriate time a day or so in advance of their scheduled time to read and reflect upon the scriptures they will proclaim, to read the resource materials given them by the Director of Liturgy, and to practice reading the assigned reading(s) for content, meaning, pronunciation, and pacing.</p> <p>The lector should arrive at mass at least 15 minutes early and plan to stay after mass to help facilitate fellowship after mass.</p>
Training:	New lectors are required to attend a session of training and familiarization of the ministry. Once per year, lectors are invited to attend refresher training and a day of fellowship, prayer, and sharing of experiences and best practices.
Responsible To:	Director of Liturgy