



# **Our Lady of Consolation Liturgical Ministry Training**

**Welcome!**

Let us pray...

Thanks for your ministry.  
Thanks for your interest.

- Thanks for attending this training.
- If you are a veteran, thank you so much for your ministry.
- If you are new, thanks for offering to join us.

# TONIGHT:

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- ✘ Refresh our training to both the lector and communion ministries.
- ✘ Renew our veterans. Train new volunteers.
- ✘ Introduce a few changes.



## TONIGHT - CONTINUED

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- ✖ Pass out materials & Workbooks.
- ✖ Sign up new ministers – registration form.
- ✖ Mass preference
- ✖ Schedule link to family members



# Lector Ministry



In the Mass the table both of  
God's Word and of Christ's body  
is prepared...

...from which the faithful may  
be instructed and refreshed.

GOD IS SPEAKING TO US.  
WHEN THE SCRIPTURES ARE READ; IT  
IS AS IF THE BOOK DISAPPEARS.

- ◉ The lector becomes the mouthpiece of God.
- ◉ God uses the voice of the lector to say something that applies to the world today.
- ◉ The lector does not just pronounce words - the lector communicates a divine message.

# Rule of St Benedict (d. 543 AD)

Anyone can read Scriptures in  
public...

...only a believer can proclaim  
them.

Preparation is key!

# **The most important preparation for being able to proclaim the Word of God well:**

- > A heart which regularly converses with God.**
- > A life which is lived in faithful service.**

# Preparation I



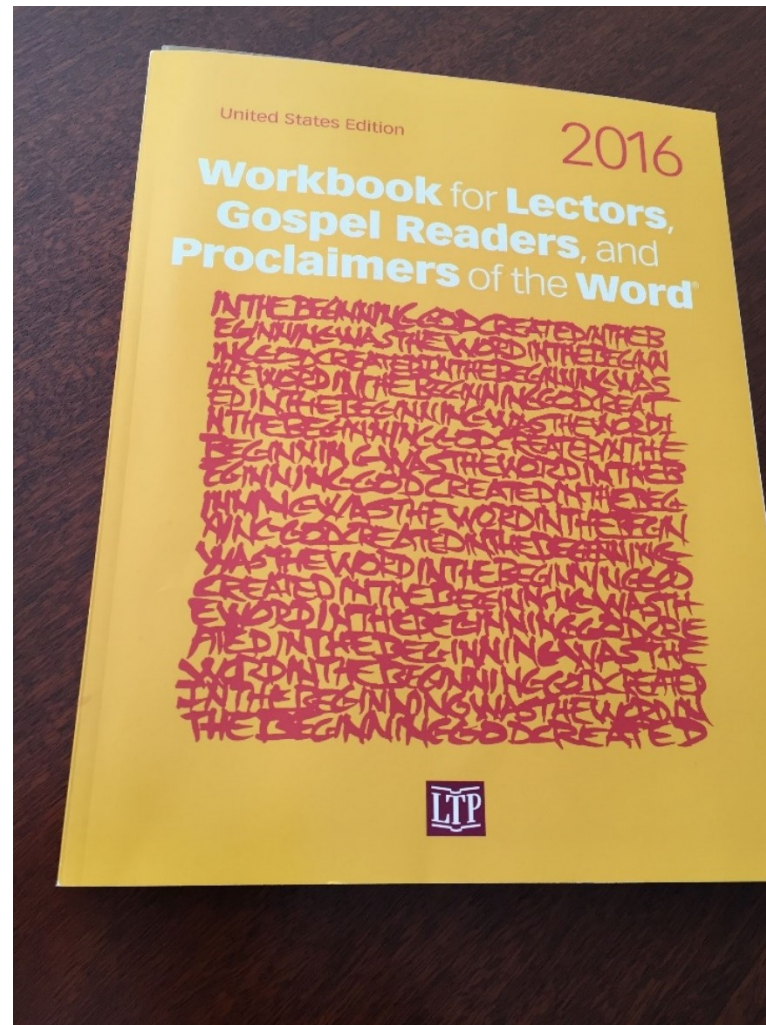
- Read all of the readings for the day
- Take it in – what word or phrase strikes you? remains with you?
- Be challenged by it – how does it give life to me?



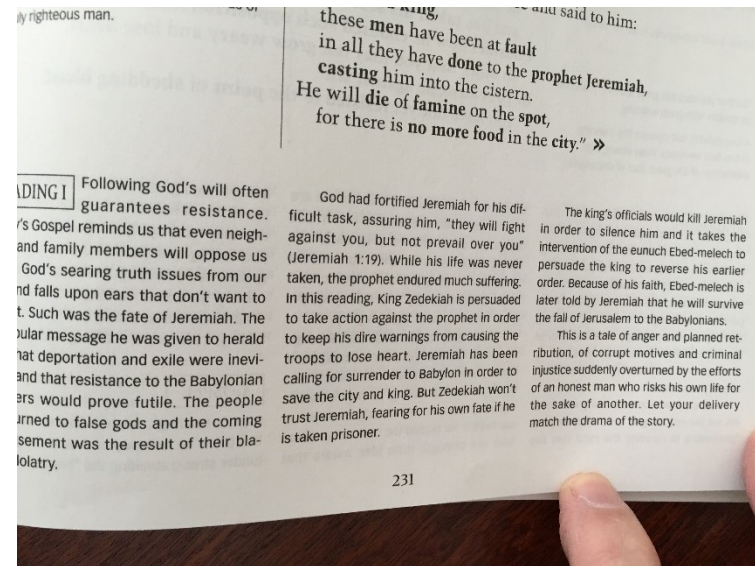
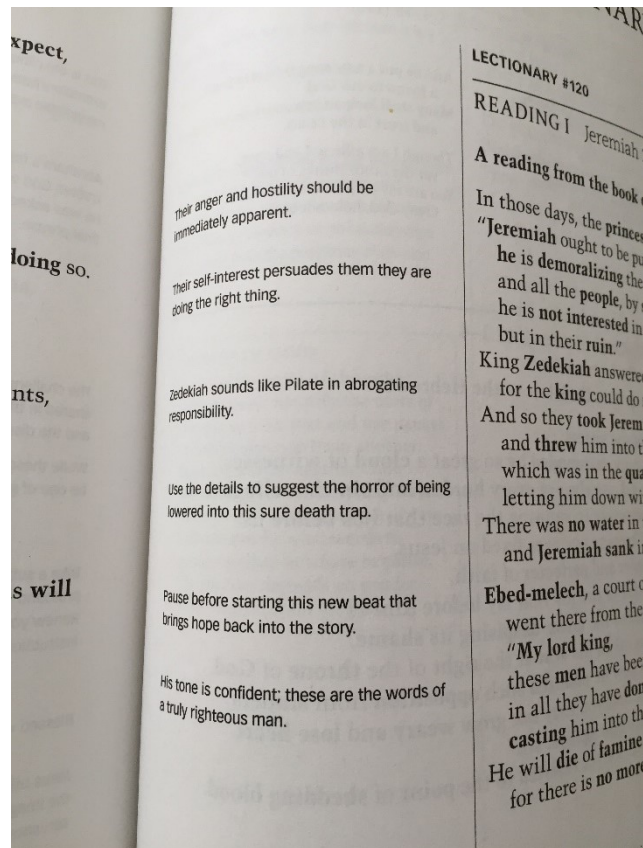
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- **Do I have the proper pronunciations?**
- **Have I studied the Workbook for suggestions on voicing, inflection and emphasis?**

# WORKBOOK



# Workbook assistance:

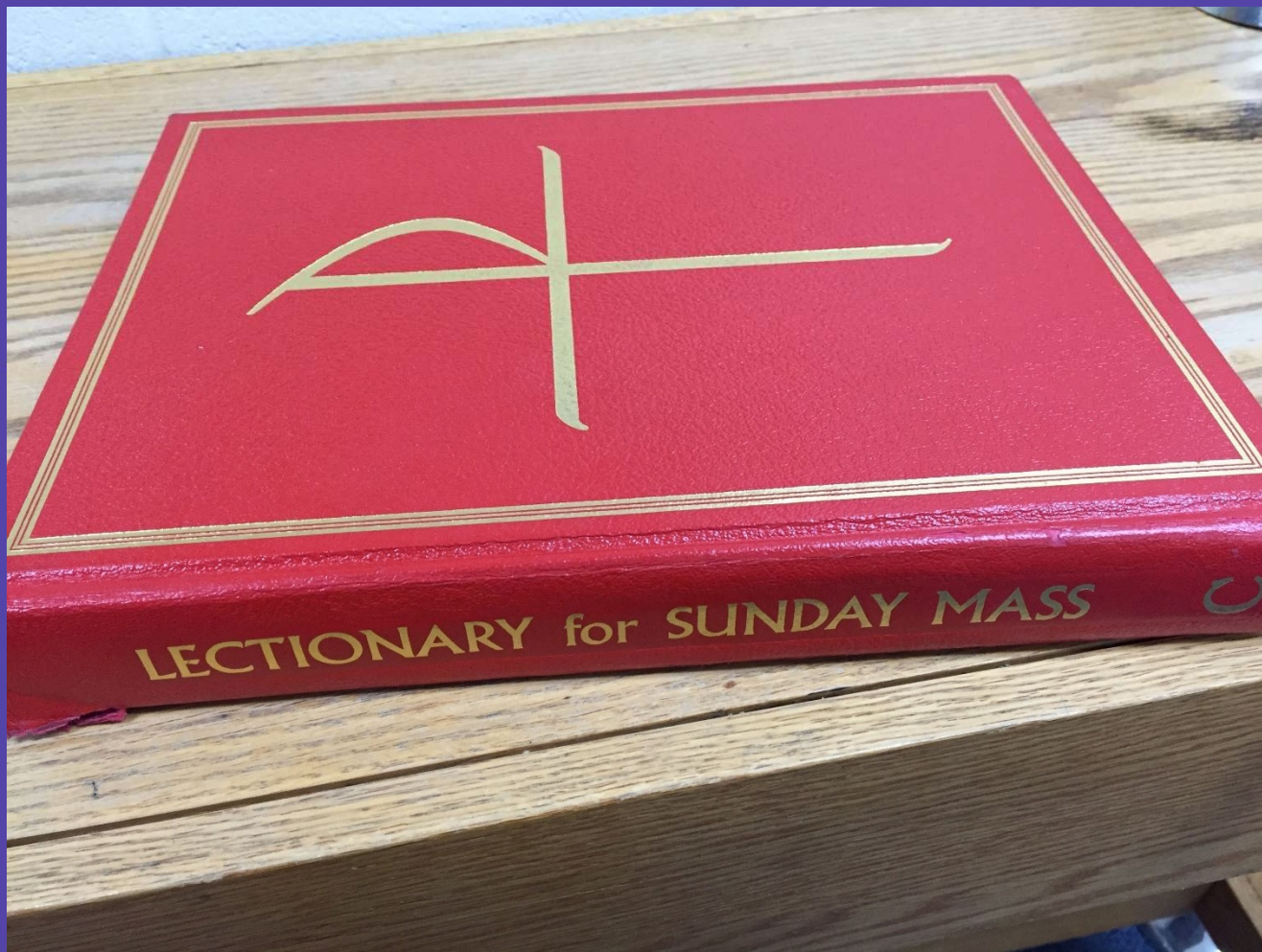


# Physical Preparation III

- ▣ Know the room and furnishings.
- ▣ Where will I sit?
- ▣ Know the sound system, microphone
- ▣ Is the Lectionary ready?



# Lectionary





# Book of the Gospels



## Physical Preparation III - continued

- ▣ Is the other reader here?
- ▣ Is the deacon here? If not, will I be carrying in the Book of the Gospels?
- ▣ **(New) If the deacon is not present, review the General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful).**

This new...

The Bishop has asked that, when present, the deacon read the Prayers of the Faithful.



# Ambo with prayer book on shelf.



# Techniques

- Confidence, poise
- Clear and steady voice
- Pace, clarity, pauses
- Practice in front of a mirror

## Techniques – continued...

- Speed – when your reading pace seems too slow to you, it's probably about right.
- Eye contact – improved by text familiarity and a slower pace.
- Project feeling not drama.

# Lector's Ten Commandments

- I will remember that it's about God and His WORD, never about me.
- I will practice names, and proclaim them with confidence.
- I will know the readings, having prayed and practiced them in the week before Mass.
- I will honor my family in Heaven in my posture and my prayerfulness.
- I will proclaim the living Word with an urgent passion that is alive, not dead.

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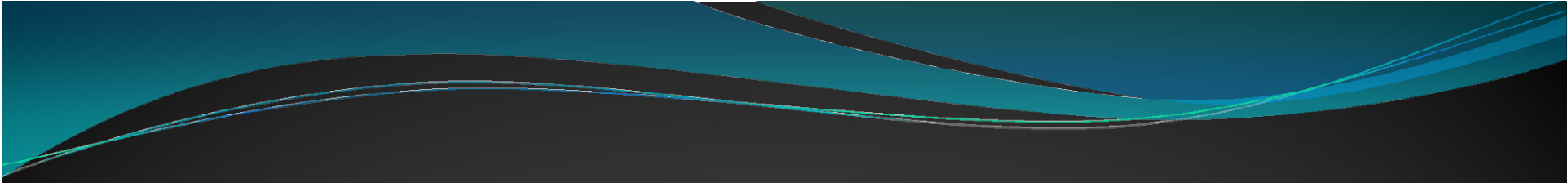
## part 2

- I will dress in a way that brings honor to my Father's House and family.
- I will not seek affirmations or compliments, realizing all glory belongs to God.
- I will respect the ministry, only proclaiming the Word if prepared to do so, and only proclaiming it exactly as it is found in the Lectionary text.
- I will support, uplift and pray for others who also seek and proclaim God's Word.
- I will honor the opportunity to proclaim the Word and recognize the privilege.

2. If you are not able to keep your assigned Mass, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

The parish website ([www.olcparish.net](http://www.olcparish.net)) includes a contact listing of all ministers.

While you will most likely have been assigned a particular reading for that Mass, be prepared to proclaim both readings, in the event that the other lector does not show for their assigned ministry.



Upon arrival 15 minutes before  
Mass, check in with the Mass  
“captain.”

- Note: We are sure our lectors will understand if they might be replaced if not checked-in by 10 minutes before Mass.



# CAPTAIN'S STATION



# Sign In Sheet

Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Deacon/Comm Ministers, Lectors,  
Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, CLOWs, Hospitality and Welcome Tables  
Aug 10 - Aug 11

Sunday, August 11, 11:00 AM - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Altar Server

Josh Haskell - White Cross  
*Job* Tenny Schwandt - White Cross  
Matthew Batchelder - Black Cross ✓  
Nathan Oatley - Wooden Cross

*Ethan Burre*  
*Matthew Batchelder*  
*Nathan Oatley*

## Communion Minister

Amber Carlisle  
Ken MacDonald - *Carroll*  
Chrystal Newman  
Todd Oatley - *sub req*  
*No Lined* Kasey Settleck *Jim Crowder*  
Linda Shoemaker-Johnston

*Amber Carlisle*  
*Ken MacDonald*  
*Chrystal Newman*  
*Todd Oatley*  
*Jim Crowder*  
*Linda J. J.*

*No Lined* Pat Smith

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*Aaron Sweeney*  
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*Leah Phillips*

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*Job* Rose Bartlett - *sub req*

## Deacon/Comm Minister

James Hessler

*✓*

## Lector

*No Lined* Rebekah MacQueen - R1  
Paul Sobie - R2

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## Sacristan

*No Lined* Patty Burch - *sub req*

*Leah Hessler*

## Usher

Chad Carlisle  
Mitchell Carlisle  
Steve Ray  
John Simmons  
Drew Szanski

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## Greeter

# Ministry Crosses





Check that the **Lctionary** is on the ambo,  
opened to the correct page.



Meet in Vestry for Prayer along with  
other ministers 5 – 7 min before  
Mass.



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- **Person with the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
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**Prayers of Faithful (if no deacon)**

- **Person with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**
  - - Carries in Book of the Gospels  
(if no deacon)

## Additional Items:

- The Lector should be seated on the Ambo side of the church.
- Bow when entering or leaving the sanctuary. Bow is to the Altar when standing outside the sanctuary, never bow to the Lectionary or Ambo.
- Wait for the church to settle down before starting to proclaim the Word.

**We must always remember  
that it's always about  
proclaiming the Word and  
never about us.**

- **As a Lector, you will be viewed, and properly so, as a leader in the parish. Your behavior will be watched as a model for others.**
- **Make your own singing, praying and responses sincere and enthusiastic.**



# The Procession 1

In the event that no deacon is serving at the Mass, one of the lectors will walk in the procession carrying the Book of the Gospels.

## **The Procession 2**

**The lector will follow the altar servers, holding the Book slightly elevated – such that he/she can see over the top.**



## **The Procession 3**

**Without pausing at the foot of the Sanctuary, the lector will proceed directly to the back of the Altar and immediately place the Book into the stand.**

## Procession 4

In the meantime, the priest and the servers will stop at the foot of the Sanctuary steps, waiting for the lector to place the Book.

After the Book is placed, the lector steps back a step, and all bow to the Altar together.

## Procession 5

After the bow, the lector proceeds to his/her seat.

Lectors do not process out at the end of Mass.



# NEW/ PROSPECTIVE LECTORS

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- ✗ Please fill out an interest form.
- ✗ We do most of our communicating through email.
- ✗ The complete schedule is posted on the website.

## **NEW LECTOR INFO – CONTINUED 1**

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- ✘ You can use the website to “block out” your busy days/weekends, but only before the schedule is produced.
- ✘ Each week we send out ministry reminders.
- ✘ Family members can be linked to serve at the same Masses.

# Prayer & Blessing

Thank you for offering to serve  
in this ministry.

You will be blessed by it.