

LITURGICAL READERS

Liturgical Readers give voice to the Word of God in our assembly. When they stand at the Ambo; open the lectionary; and proclaim the scripture, their proclamation is the presence of God for the people of God gathered for the Eucharist.

The office of Reader is an ancient dignified order in the church. Those who exercise this responsibility are honored by their work and are necessary to the ritual completion of the Mass. They are blessed by their ministry because through it they gain an intimate understanding of scripture. Readers must prepare each time they are assigned to read by reading the text multiple times and by praying and meditating about it to deepen their understanding. Reading the text out loud is an important part of the preparation.

The task then of the Reader is to prepare the reading ahead of time and to proclaim it to the assembly from the ambo.