

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Volunteer Ministry Position Description
Lector



Overview

The proclamation of the Word of God, done with clarity and reverence, brings people into a redeeming and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, the true Word of God. The Lector serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming Sacred Scripture during the liturgy of the Word at mass and at other liturgical celebrations.

Activities/Responsibilities (list may be adapted as locally appropriate)

- Proclaims the biblical text, as scheduled, with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding
- Prepares for the role by rehearsing, praying and coming to understand the text assigned
- Expresses reverence and decorum in various role aspects, according to liturgical norms
- Otherwise participates fully in the liturgy as an exemplary member of the assembly
- Attends meetings and appropriate training at both the parish and diocesan levels.
- Is faithful to the schedule and arrives early for the liturgy
- Arranges for suitably trained replacement when unable to meet scheduled commitment

Skills, Experience, Personal Traits and Qualifications

- Could be any appropriate age but usually would have at least received First Eucharist and be capable of proclaiming the Word of God to the benefit of the assembly
- Is an initiated Catholic who actively participates in parish worship and life
- Understands the importance of the liturgical celebrations to the Church community
- Possesses a love for the Bible and willingness to grow through study, prayer and reflection
- Has the natural and spiritual ability to speak the biblical Word intelligibly and comfortably
- Has an appropriate level of maturity and is open to proclamation coaching as needed
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries and Diocesan standards of care

Screening Checklist for this Low Risk Position at St. Patrick's Church

- Completion of a Volunteer Information Form
- Agreement to the Diocesan Model Code of Conduct
- Training and orientation
- Supervision, periodic evaluations and participant follow-ups

Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator

Pastor

Date _____

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