

REVERENCE AT SOLEMNITIES/SUNDAY MASS LECTORS AND PSALMIST GUIDELINES

The **1st Reading Lector** makes a profound bow to the altar and reverently approaches the ambo. In a profound bow the shoulders and head are bent forward at about 30 degree angle. It should be made slowly and reverently.

Wait for a period of silence and announce, “**A reading from ...**”, not say, “**The first reading is a reading from ...**”. **Pause slightly** before beginning the reading.

After the reading, **pause slightly** and say, "The Word of the Lord".

When the assembly has said, "Thanks be to God", **make a head bow inviting the assembly to reflect (pray Hail Mary inaudibly)**. Avoid unnecessary hand movements preparing the pages of the Lectionary for the next reader. The **Lector** leaves the ambo and makes a profound bow to the altar in unison with the Psalmist.

The **Psalmist** makes a profound bow to the altar in unison with the 1st Reading Lector and reverently approaches the ambo to lead the singing of the psalm with the assembly. After the psalm is sung, the **Psalmist** leaves the ambo and makes a profound bow to the altar in unison with the 2nd Reading Lector.

The **Psalmist** carries a ceremonial binder to keep the song sheets to sing from instead of singing the psalms directly from the song sheets. Please pickup the ceremonial binder from your coordinator. After the Mass, please return the ceremonial binder to your coordinator.

The **2nd Reading Lector** makes a profound bow to the altar in unison with the Psalmist and reverently approaches the ambo. Announce, “**A reading from ...**”, not say, “**The second reading is a reading from ...**”. **Pause slightly** before beginning the reading.

After the reading, **pause slightly** and say, “The Word of the Lord”.

When the assembly has said, "Thanks be to God", **make a head bow inviting the assembly to reflect (pray Hail Mary)**. Place the Lectionary in the shelf of the ambo to accommodate the Book of Gospel. The **Lector** leaves the ambo and makes a profound bow to the altar.

The Prayer of the Faithful Lector during the homily's reverent silence reverently approaches a place on the sanctuary. Upon seeing the priest still reflecting, make a head bow observing reverent silence. **After the homily's reverent silence or Profession of Faith (if there is one) wait after hearing the priest's brief remark inviting the assembly to pray before proceeding with the general intercessions.**

After the general intercessions ***stay on the sanctuary and make a head bow while the priest concludes with a prayer.***

Wait after the assembly has said “Amen” and leave the sanctuary and make a profound bow to the altar.

The **Prayer of the Faithful Lector** carries a ceremonial binder to keep the general intercessions to read from instead of reading the general intercessions directly from a

piece of paper. Please pickup the ceremonial binder from Liturgy. After the Mass, please return the ceremonial binder to Liturgy or place it on the altar.

No matter how well prepared, occasionally things go wrong. Stay calm when something does go wrong.