

St. John Chrysostom Parish
Instructions for Readers

☐ First Reading

As Mass begins...

- gather with the procession at the back of the church about 10 minutes before mass.
- hold the **lectionary** high as you process.
- when you get the front, proceed immediately to the ambo and place the lectionary there.
- open it to the correct page.
- go to your seat.

- come up to the ambo after Father says the opening prayer (it begins... let us pray...)
- speak loudly, slowly and clearly.

At the End of Mass...

- after the first verse of the closing hymn, Father and the altar servers will prepare to leave the sanctuary.
- you should go up and get the lectionary.
- join the procession **between** the altar servers and the priest.

☐ Second Reading

As Mass begins...

- gather with the procession at the back of the church about 10 minutes before mass.
- you will walk up beside the first reader holding the **Book of the Gospels** (this is the larger book).
- when you get the front, proceed immediately to the altar and place the **Book of the Gospels** in the centre.
- return to the front of the first pew and wait till the rest of the procession goes up.
- then return to your seat.

- come up to the ambo immediately following the psalm.
- speak loudly, slowly and clearly.

At the End of Mass...

- after the first verse of the closing hymn, Father and the altar servers will prepare to leave the sanctuary.
- go up and get the **Book of the Gospels** (it is now in the ambo).

- you should join the procession between the altar servers and the priest beside the first reader.