

What does a Lector Reader do?

- Proclaims the first or second reading during the Liturgy of the Word
- Delivers the weekly announcements to parishioners
- Leads the Universal Prayer also known as the Prayers of the Faithful
- During special liturgies may lead the faithful in prayer

Prayer for Lectors

Lord, invest me with your power as I prepare to proclaim the marvel of your message.

I have prepared my reading, I have tried to take within me the meaning of what I am about to proclaim, not just with my lips, but with my whole heart and soul.

Lord make me a hollow reed so that your voice will be heard by all who hear me.

Free me of any excessive concern over my performance. Convert my feeling of nervousness and turn my apprehension into an energy for proclaiming your word with power and authority.

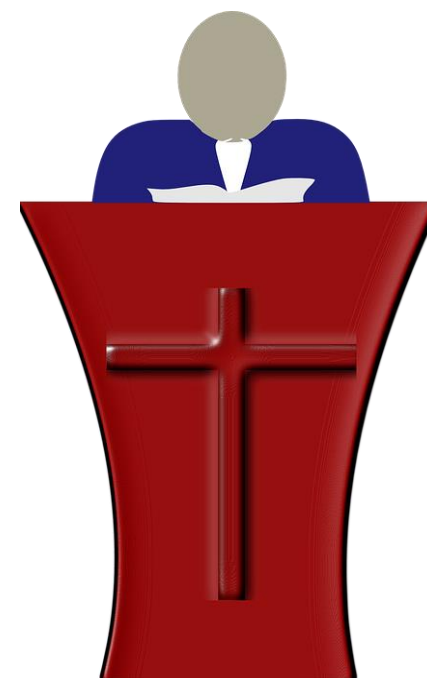
May your spirit live in me and fill the holy Word that I proclaim.

Amen

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LECTOR MINISTRY

Proclaimers of the Word

Understanding Serving

When you volunteer as a Lector at St Barbara church you:

- ❖ Must prepare your reading before mass
- ❖ Read in a steady even pitched and articulate voice
- ❖ Remember this is not a performance
- ❖ Understand you are an instrument to voice the power of God's Word

The Mass is an act of Thanksgiving

When you serve you are expressing your love for God and your church

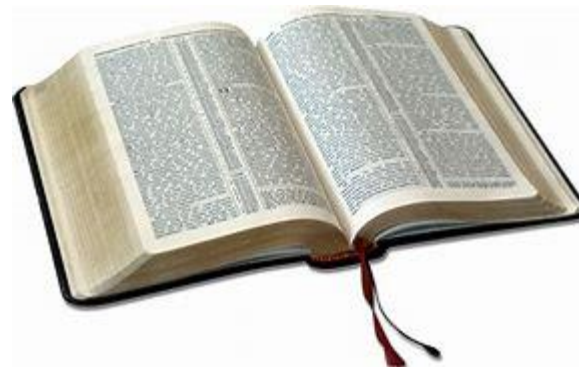
Lectors proclaim the word of God during the liturgy of the mass. This ministry is the living power of the Holy Spirit. It expresses God's love that never fails. To read the Word of God is an act of proclamation of our faith itself!

The service that you provide not only fills a need but brings overflowing thankfulness to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12

The Sacred Scriptures, above all in their liturgical proclamation, are the source of life and strength.

The church is nourished spiritually at the twofold table of God's Word and the Eucharist; from one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness.



This ministry proclaims the good news to the parish community.

Can I Serve

A Lector Minister must be a practicing catholic, in a state of grace, and not conscious of an unconfessed mortal sin.

Have gifts and skills in public communication and reading.

Have a love and reverence for the Sacred Scriptures and engage in some form of regular study of them.

Understand the importance of this ministry and appreciate the need for study and preparation as well as the ministry's connection to Christian life and practice.