

Liturgy

Activity Name: Lector
Staff Contact: Scott Eakins, Director of Liturgy and Communications

Description of this opportunity:

This ministry area seeks individuals comfortable in the role of publicly proclaiming the Word of God at Sunday, Holy Day and special liturgies and at evening vespers and special liturgical events throughout the year. You are the voice of the Bible readings and petition prayers for each Mass and event. You must be a Catholic and a member of the Cathedral parish to be a lector.

Commitment of time:

A Lector must be available for at least one Mass (Saturday or Sunday) every two months. You will be scheduled only for the Mass or Masses that you indicate are convenient for you. Once scheduled, you will be asked to find a replacement from the pool of lectors if you cannot keep your commitment for a specific date. You should be able to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your assigned Mass.

Best Qualities for Lectors

This ministry is best suited to individuals comfortable with public speaking. Advanced skills in this area are most desirable. You should be able to speak clearly, pronounce difficult texts and be prepared to spend adequate time in prayerful preparation to present the spirit and meaning of the various readings. An interest in study of the Scriptures you proclaim makes this ministry more personally meaningful. You will receive training and resources to assist you in preparing to be a lector. This Ministry is appropriate for those in high school or older.

Lectors gather three times each year: for ministry specific training, a day of reflection and a friendly social activity.

Need for volunteers: Currently, there are approximately 35 lectors available to the Cathedral Parish. We need 5-10 additional lectors to be trained and available especially for the 5:15 Saturday Mass.

Volunteer coordination by:

Scott Eakins, Director of Liturgy and Communications,
Marceline Roberts and Sr. Jacqueline Buckley

Location:

Location is always the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The building is accessible to the handicapped and is located on or near several bus lines.