LECTOR CODE



ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINS BEFORE MASS BEGINS.



SIT CLOSE TO THE FRONT FOR EASY & EFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE AMBO.



ASK FOR HELP BEFORE MASS IF THERE ARE ANY CHALLENGING WORDS IN THE READING.



ADJUST MICROPHONE TO POSITION FLAT END IN FRONT OF YOUR MOUTH.

REMEMBER!

The Lector proclaims the Word of God so that the assembled faithful may hear it clearly and participate more deeply in the Liturgy of the Word.

1. **UNDERSTAND YOUR SACRED RESPONSIBILITY**
   The lector proclaims the assigned readings from Sacred Scripture, except the Gospel, during Holy Mass. It is a liturgical ministry, not a casual task.
2. **PREPARE THE READING BEFORE MASS**
   Read the passage beforehand, understand its context, identify difficult words and practise so you can proclaim it naturally and accurately.
3. **UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE PROCLAIMING**
   Take time to grasp the meaning of the passage. Your task is to communicate the biblical text faithfully, not to add your own opinions.
4. **PRAY BEFORE PROCLAIMING THE WORD**
   Ask God to help you serve faithfully and to open the hearts of those who will hear the reading. Prayer gives your preparation its proper spiritual direction.
5. **SPEAK CLEARLY AND AT A MEASURED PACE**
   Articulate words properly, avoid rushing, and allow punctuation to guide your pauses. Use a natural voice; avoid unnecessary dramatics.
6. **USE THE MICROPHONE PROPERLY**
   Check that it is working and positioned well. Speak at a suitable distance, avoid tapping or adjusting it during the reading, and ensure the congregation can hear you.
7. **RESPECT THE LITURGICAL BOOK AND TEXT**
   Use the approved Lectionary. Do not replace, paraphrase, add personal comments or omit sections of the assigned reading.
8. **DRESS AND CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH REVERENCE**
   Your appearance and behaviour should be appropriate to this sacred ministry. Approach the ambo respectfully and avoid gestures that distract from the reading.
9. **KNOW THE ROLE OF THE AMBO**
   The ambo is the place from which the Word of God is proclaimed. It is not an ordinary stand for announcements or other non-liturgical messages.
10. **DO NOT TURN THE READING INTO A PERFORMANCE**
    Communicate the meaning of Scripture, not showcase acting skills. Avoid unnecessary shouting, exaggerated expressions or theatrical gestures.
11. **RESPECT OTHER MINISTERS AND THE ASSEMBLY**
    Cooperate with the priest, deacon, psalmist, altar servers and other ministers. Follow the order of the Mass and serve in unity with the whole celebration.
12. **LET THE WORD SHAPE YOUR LIFE**
    Proclaiming Scripture is also a call to live the Word. Grow in prayer, knowledge of Scripture, charity and Christian conduct.

Thank you for saying "Yes" to God.
and for allowing Him to touch the hearts of others through your voice.