

## St. Mark the Evangelist RC Church

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### Lector Convocation Notes

- 1.) Preparation
- 2.) Tools for success – tone, tempo, pitch, volume
- 3.) Logistics before mass
  - a. Arrive at least 15 minutes before mass
  - b. Greet the other reader, if there is one
  - c. Review the reading in the lectionary/Prayers of the Faithful
  - d. Sit on the Divine Mercy transept side
    - i. If the pews are reserved, sit in the adjacent section.
    - ii. Bottom line, get to the ambo/lectern on time
- 4.) First Reader - Logistics during mass
  - a. Move to the ambo after the Collect/Children's Dismissal
  - b. Bow at the bottom of the steps toward the tabernacle before entering the sanctuary
  - c. Walk up the steps reverently
  - d. Check the reading in the lectionary
  - e. Adjust the microphone
  - f. Examine the crowd to gain eye contact
  - g. Begin to read
  - h. Pause – "The Word of the Lord" – "Thanks be to God"
  - i. Flip the page or move the ribbon if necessary
  - j. If there is a Psalmist, go to the bottom of the steps and bow with the psalmist. If the Psalmist is playing the piano, go to the bottom of the steps, bow, and return to your seat reverently
  - k. If there is no psalmist, read the psalm. At its conclusion,

go to the bottom of the steps and bow with the second reader

- l. Return to your seat reverently
  - m. When the creed begins, move through the chapel to the lectern for the Prayers of the Faithful
  - n. No raised hands needed for the response
- 5.) Second Reader – Logistics during mass
    - a. Move to the ambo after the Psalm is said/sung
    - b. Bow at the bottom of the steps with the First Reader or Psalmist before entering the sanctuary; if the Psalmist is playing the piano, at the conclusion of the psalm, go to the bottom of the steps, bow toward the tabernacle before entering the sanctuary
    - c. Walk up the steps reverently
    - d. Check the reading in the lectionary
    - e. Adjust the microphone
    - f. Examine the congregation to gain eye contact
    - g. Begin to read
    - h. Pause – "The Word of the Lord" – "Thanks be to God"
    - i. If Fr. John/George is celebrating mass with no deacon, move the ribbon or flip the page for the Gospel reading
      - i. If there is a deacon present or another celebrant, close the lectionary and move it to the shelf
    - j. Go to the bottom of the steps, bow toward the tabernacle
    - k. Return to your seat reverently