

To: Saint Clement of Rome Lectors  
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You will notice a change in our lector schedule. Additional lectors have been trained, making it possible to have two lectors at each Sunday Mass. This method has always been preferable according to church guidelines as scripture is proclaimed.

This requires a few changes to our procedures at Mass as follows:

- The schedule will indicate if you are Lector "A" or "B"
- Lector A will proclaim the first reading, the responsorial psalm (when read; normally at the 7:30 a.m. Mass only), and will read the petitions (when the Deacon is not present).
- Lector B will proclaim the second reading and read the announcements at the end of Mass.
- Lectors should be in the sacristy area at least 15 minutes before Mass. The two lectors should review the readings, coordinate their respective roles, and check with the presider for any special instructions.
- Both lectors process into church and then sit near the front. (Note: For the sake of simplicity, Lector A should sit in the pew traditionally reserved for the lector, Lector B may be seated directly behind or nearby.)
- Lector A should come forward at the appropriate time, bow to the altar, proclaim the reading, and return to the pew without bowing. After Lector A is seated, Lector B should then proceed to the ambo in a similar manner. (Note: Lectors should remember to pause slightly before saying, "The Word of the Lord". Lector B should be careful not to say "the second reading is a reading..." but merely say, "a reading from the...".
- At the end of Mass, both lectors will process out in front of the priest.

Note: In the event you are unable to make your scheduled Mass, please contact your lector partner for that Mass to let him or her know you are unable to attend. That lector will then do the first and second readings, petitions and announcements. There is no need to get a substitute.