



Archdiocese of Regina

LECTOR

Overview

The Lector serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word. The competent exercise of this role enables the Church to hear the Word of God more clearly and receive it more readily.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Prepares for his or her role by rehearsing, praying over and coming to understand the biblical text assigned his or her for a particular liturgical celebration.
- Participates fully in the Liturgy as an exemplary member of the assembly.
- Proclaims the biblical text with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding.
- Expresses reverence and decorum in carrying out this and other aspects of his or her role according to the general liturgical norms (procession, handling of the Lectionary, etc.).
- Is faithful to the schedule of assignments and helpful in assuring that all the parish community's liturgical assemblies are adequately served with this ministry.
- Participates in rehearsals of ceremonial procedures in the parish community.

The Activities/Responsibilities listed above may not completely reflect the ministry performed at this parish. Please refer to the 'Other Specifics' box for duties that are specific to this parish.

Other specifics:

Skills, Experience, and Qualifications

- Has been baptized.
- Has been duly prepared and appropriately commissioned for this role.
- Must be at of an appropriate age and able to proclaim the Word.
- Must have sufficient skills and maturity to serve the liturgical assembly as outlined here.
- Is devoted to and understands the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church community.
- Has the natural and spiritual ability to speak the biblical Word intelligibly and comfortably in the midst of the assembly.
- Has an understanding of the structure of the Lectionary for Liturgy.

Personal Traits and Qualities

(The following description may be of assistance to those considering this position)

- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Possesses a love for the Bible and an aptitude to share this Word with others as well as a willingness to grow in understanding the scriptures through study, prayer and reflections.
- Committed to prayer, gospel values and growth in personal holiness.
- Has enthusiasm, a positive attitude and good public speaking skills.
- Has a spirit of generosity.
- Is open to vocal coaching as required (use of microphone, volume, pacing, posture, etc.).

Orientation and Training

- Standard parish orientation program and has participated in a training process on reflecting on the theology of the Liturgy of the Word as found in the Lectionary.

Participant Group

- The assembly

Support, Supervision, and Evaluation

- The Lector's Coordinator or the Pastor is the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.

Length of Ministry

- _____ year term.

Benefits and Working Conditions

- Will directly impact the liturgical experience at the parish.
- Will further develop public speaking skills.
- Will develop deeper appreciation for Sacred Scripture.
- This is a volunteer position requiring a time commitment of _____ hours per week or _____ hours per month.
- Must be able to attend the orientation session and training sessions as required.

Screening Recommendations

- This is a General Security position.
- Completion of a Volunteer Information Form is required.
- Training and orientation are required.
- There will be supervision by the Pastor and/or his designate.

This ministry position description accurately reflects the Ministry of Lector currently practiced _____ Parish.	
(Parish Name)	
_____ Parish Volunteer Screening Committee	
_____ Pastor or Designate	_____ Date

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