

DON'T'S FOR LECTORS:

1. Don't hesitate to ask questions about a passage -ask the priest or deacon if you need more information.
2. Don't ever read from a Missalette. Always use lectionary, and if your reading is on a sheet of paper (special readings, funerals, weddings) make sure it is place on ambo ahead of Mass. Do not carry sheet of paper up with you.
3. Don't begin with "A" reading from. ." It's "A (*uh*) reading from..." Stress second word -reading, rather than "a."
4. Don't announce that the reading is "first" or "the second". It is a reading. Period.
5. Don't be distracted by latecomers/babies or other noise.
6. Don't ad lib. It is word of Lord you are proclaiming, not your own.
7. Don't hold up lectionary at end of reading. (That's reserved for Gospel read by priest or deacon)
8. Don't be surprised *if God inspires you*.
9. Don't hesitate to let your emotions show. Smile when appropriate, when word is joyful or hopeful.
10. Don't think or speak of congregation as audience. They are believers, just like you. *This is not a performance.*
11. Don't draw attention to yourself by your apparel, gestures* or through your speech. Let attention be focused on the Word. (See #17)
12. Don't lean on ambo or crane your neck to speak into mike. Stand erect, and move mike toward your mouth.
13. Don't speak too slowly or too quickly. This obstructs message.
14. Don't get flustered if you make a mistake. Simple pause and regain your composure and keep right on going.
15. Don't forget to get a sub if you cannot fulfill your commitment. Try to give your sub as much time as possible to prepare.
16. Don't think you have to be perfect to be a lector.
- *17. Don't read bulletin, slouch in chair, cross your knees while seated, or put your feet (with or without shoes) on the kneeler while in sanctuary!!