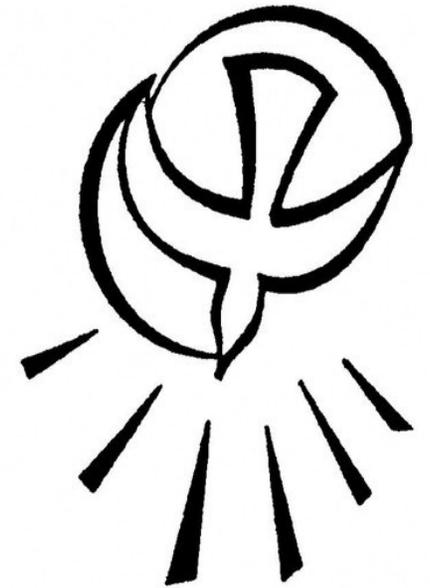




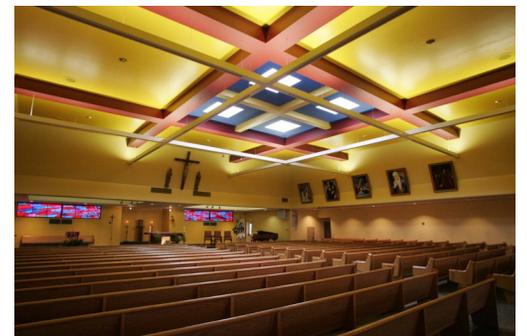
### Misc:

\* When acting as a Eucharist Minister it is your responsibility to make sure people consume the Body and Blood of Christ properly. If you see someone walking away with the Body of Christ, stop them and ask them to immediately consume it or give it back. Dipping the Body of Christ in the Blood is also not allowed.



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### 1. Readings **must be read beforehand.**

No matter how good of reader you are, it is easy to stumble over words or phrases when proclaiming the word. When you stumble you risk losing the attention of the congregation or changing the meaning of the reading. The word must be proclaimed...not read like a novel. Those few moments of your Sunday when you proclaim the word are the most important moments of your week...please give them the respect they deserve and be prepared.

2. Always show up at least 15 minutes before mass, please don't arrive later. When you arrive 15 minutes early it gives you time to read over the readings again and let them sink into your own heart....Set the microphone to your level and height. **Please speak up, speak clearly and slowly and announce when you proclaim.** Make sure that the people in the back row can hear you. Pause before you say: "The Word of the Lord" it gives the congregation time to catch up with you and be reminded that what they have heard is the word of the Lord.

3. The mass should flow from beginning to end with dignity and have no moments of confusion. It takes away from the beauty when we aren't prepared, listening or ready. Please be an example to all when you are ministering. Pay close attention, be ready to stand, sit and proclaim when it is time.

4. As soon as you hear Father finish with the opening prayer and starts to sit down move to the ambo and begin. You need no signal or sign. The spotlight is on you....

step up and proclaim the word as if it were your last time.....we never know what God has in store for us.

5. **As soon as the cantor has finished the psalm, step back immediately to the ambo and begin.** Do not wait until the cantor bows and walks to their seat. The cantor can listen as he or she walks back...remember...flow. There should not be periods of silence between the psalm and the readings.

6. During the Profession of Faith, be ready to move to the Ambo when you hear "I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Catholic Church etc" Just as the Creed ends immediately move to the Ambo in preparation for the Intercessions..... Father will say his opening prayer and then begin immediately reading the Prayers of the Faithful. Flow...flow...flow. When there is a deacon at mass he will do this part.

7. Again be an example to everyone when you are at the altar. The more reverent you are the more the congregation will be. Participate in the responses, sing the songs, truly be a minister to God and his people while you are on the altar.

8. No one is to leave the sacred space at anytime. No minister should step down at the sign of peace to greet anyone. It is distracting, and Father wants all ministers to stay in their place at this time. A nod or smile will have to do. In keeping with the flow of mass, Father wants all ministers to be in their assigned place when he begins the Lamb of God. NO Exceptions.

9. Last but not least....It is an amazing privilege to be called to proclaim the word of God!! Treat this calling as it deserves...with respect and dignity

The MC and lector will distribute the Precious Blood to servers and both the Body and Blood to people in the congregation who can't go through the line. This will allow both the priest and deacon to start giving communion to both lines and allow the EM's to get in place right away so the first people through the line will be able to drink from the chalice.

### Reminders

Because you are examples to the congregation on how to act during mass, please do not make any hand gestures, such as holding them out or up during any part of mass. The new Roman Missal and the old one had no reference to doing this and it was never correct to do so. **The only thing you should ever do with your hands during mass is the sign of the cross or hold them together to pray.** You can also do the sign of the cross on your forehead, lips and heart before the Gospel.

Avoid excessive bowing. **You only need to bow once when you process in and once when you recess out.** Once you are in the sacred space you do not bow or genuflect again, even if you cross in-between the altar and tabernacle or if you approach the tabernacle to remove the hosts.

If you can not make it when you are scheduled, please find a replacement from the lector list then call Jeremy Castellano at 801-968-2123 x150 or Email: sfx@q.com, so the schedule can be updated.

Training guides and audio on how to pronounce Biblical words can be found on our website, [www.sfxkearns.org](http://www.sfxkearns.org), on the "Lector" page.