

I am interested in Proclaiming the word at Most Precious Blood Parish

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

EMAIL: _____

Mass Time

(Please Check Applicable)

5:00 PM Saturday Evening _____

9:30 AM Sunday Morning _____

11:15 AM Sunday Morning _____

Training Dates

PLEASE DROP IN
COLLECTION BASKET OR AT
PARISH OFFICE

CENTRED IN CHRIST

WE ARE

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY,
SHARING TALENTS AND
GOODNESS

JOYFULLY CELEBRATING
AND
REACHING OUT TO ALL.

EXPECTATIONS

Each lector will be mandated for a three year term

Each lector should expect to be a minister of the Word for at least one liturgy per month.

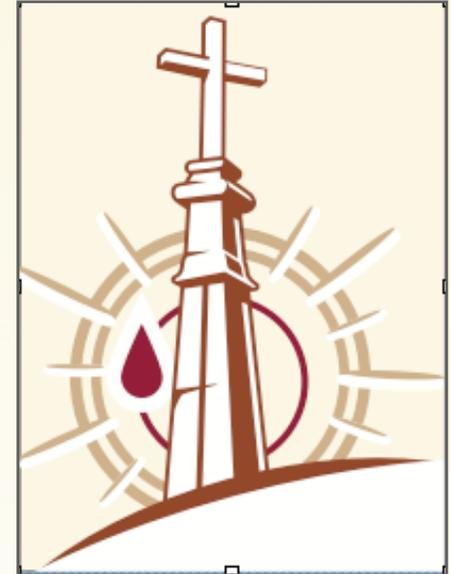
Each lector will be expected to attend one training session each year

Each lector if not already involved in another ministry within the parish will be expected to complete appropriate volunteer registration forms

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MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



LECTORS

MINISTRY

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

The Ministry of Lector

A Lector Needs to...

HAVE GOOD READING AND
PROCLAMATION SKILLS

BELIEVE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT
THEY READ AND PROCLAIM

PRACTICE WHAT THEY ARE TO READ
WELL BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED
TIME.

BE PUNCTUAL WHEN SCHEDULED.

BE WILLING TO IMPROVE THEIR
SKILLS BY ATTENDING WORKSHOPS
AND UTILIZING PUBLICATIONS

BE COMMITTED TO THEIR MINISTRY

HAVE A SINCERE LOVE OF GOD AND
NEIGHBOUR

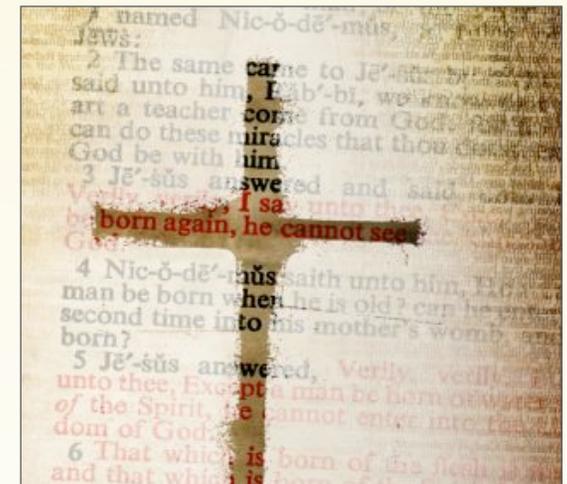
BE A PRACTICING, BAPTIZED AND
CONFIRMED CATHOLIC

With the advent of the Second Vatican Council, many changes were made in the celebration of the liturgy so that the worshipping community could take a more active role in the Mass. One of those changes was the institution of the Lay Office of Lector. We read the following from one of the councilor documents:

“...lectors exercise a genuine liturgical ministry. They ought therefore, to discharge their office with sincere piety and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God’s people... they must be deeply penetrated with the spirit of the liturgy...and must be trained to exercise that function in a correct and orderly manner. (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

As you can see, being a lector is not just a matter of reading from a book at mass. Lectors must be properly disposed to their ministry and understand the importance of proclaiming God’s Word to their brothers and sisters with understanding and reverence. Because the Minister of the Word is a special ministry in the Church, the person who wishes to be a lector must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic. They should have a deep reverence for

Sacred Scripture. And of course, they should be confident in their public speaking ability so that when they exercise their ministry, the Word rings loud and clear to the members of the community who are listening.



*The Lord God has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I may know how to
speak to the weary a word
that will rouse them.*

Isaiah 50:4