

New procedure for Lectors and Cantors 11/29/2009

At the meeting on Sunday afternoon for Lectors of Holy Family Parish, a new procedure was introduced for the lectors and cantors. This procedure is to begin at this coming Saturday's/Sunday's .Mass. (December 5/6, 2009)

All movements should be reverent, but purposeful and appropriate for the Mass setting.

The first lector will go to the center of the aisle, bow to the altar and proceed to the Ambo.

When the first lector finishes the first reading, he/she will proceed down the steps to **meet the cantor** at the bottom of the altar stairs.

Together they will bow to the center altar (not the Tabernacle).

The **cantor will proceed to the Ambo** for the Responsorial Psalm.

The first lector will return to his/her seat.

[This means that the cantor should be ready to rise and process to the center aisle as soon as the first lector finishes the reading and has begun to step away from the Ambo.]

The **Cantor will sing/recite the Psalm** and lead the congregation with the response.

After the Psalm the **cantor will proceed down the steps to meet the second lector** at the bottom of the altar stairs.

Together they will bow to the altar.

The second lector will proceed to the Ambo.

The cantor will return to his/her seat.

Exception: If a lector is unable to proceed to the center of the altar (for example – they may need the help of the handrail to climb the stairs) then the Cantor should go to the center and bow at the same time as the lector does at the side rail. If at any time the lector does not seem to be ready to participate in this ritual - proceed through your bow at the altar (not the Tabernacle) before and after you lead the Responsorial Psalm.

Whatever you do you must do it with reverence and ease. Don't distract from the liturgy because someone has missed a cue or is not aware of the procedure.