

## Corpus Christi Mass – Second Reader’s Guide

Please be at the Sacristy **at least 15 minutes** prior to the start of mass.

One of the readers (it doesn’t matter which) should ensure that:

The large red lectionary is open to that Sunday’s First Reading, and that it is placed on the ambo prior to the mass beginning;

The cloth-covered lectionary from which the priest will read the gospel is open to the correct gospel reading for that Sunday. The bookmark should be placed so that it sticks out the side of the lectionary, not the bottom, so that the priest can easily open the book to the gospel reading.

The Second Reader should take some time prior to the start of mass to look over the Intercessions, with particular attention to the names of the sick and the dead.

### **Procession**

The Second Reader processes in behind the Junior Servers, side by side with the Second Adult Server, and in front of the First Reader, who carries the large lectionary.

Upon reaching the front of the church, the ministers and priest stand in a line before the altar. All bow when the priest does, and the Second Reader then takes his/her seat.

### **After the Reading**

The Second Reader closes the lectionary from which the reading was done, and places it on the shelf below the lectern platform.

### **Intercessions**

The Second Reader should be ready, approximately at the words, “...the Holy Catholic Church...” from the Creed, to begin moving up to the lectern with the intercessions. After reading the intercessions, remain at the ambo during the Stewardship Prayer, returning to your seat just after it.

### **Recession**

After joining the other ministers and the priest in the line at the front prior to the recession, and after following the priest’s bow, the Second Reader recesses in the same place in line as during the Procession.