

## **PROCEDURE FOR LECTORS: THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS**

### **When a Deacon is NOT present:**

- The lector will place the lectionary on the ambo, read the announcements and introduce the Presider and himself.
- The lector will then go to the crucifix side of the altar, remove the Book of the Gospels from the altar and proceed to the rear of the church for the entrance procession.
- For the entrance procession, the lector will follow the servers and will hold the Book of the Gospels high, providing a clear line of sight forward below the Book of Gospels.
- On arriving at the altar, the lector will proceed to the crucifix side of the altar, place the Book of the Gospels in its stand on the altar and take a place in the congregation.
- After finishing the second reading, the lector will close the Lectionary and place it on the shelf within the ambo.
- The lector will proclaim the prayers of the faithful.
- The lector will not be involved in the procession at the end of Mass.
- At the conclusion of the singing at the end of Mass, as the congregation is exiting the sanctuary, the lector will place the Book of the Gospels in its stand on the altar and return the Lectionary, announcements and the prayers of the faithful to the Sacristy.

### **When a Deacon is present:**

- The lector will place the Lectionary on the ambo, read the announcements and introduce the Presider, Deacon and himself and take a place in the congregation.
- After finishing the second reading, the lector will close the Lectionary and place it on the top shelf within the ambo.
- The lector will proclaim the prayers of the faithful.
- The lector will not be involved in the procession at the end of Mass.
- At the conclusion of the singing at the end of Mass, as the congregation is exiting the sanctuary, the lector will place the Book of the Gospels in its stand on the altar and return the Lectionary, announcements and the prayers of the faithful to the Sacristy.