

St. Dominic's Lector Schedule

October, November, December & January 2020-21

October 3-4	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Tim Moylan Joanie Becker Dave Toennies
October 10-11	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Jim Darr Gary Niemeyer Joan Merideth
October 17-18	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Bobbi Deters Kathleen Heinzmann Shelly Toennies
October 24-25	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Rich Carlton Jan Deiters Laurie Klostermann
October 31	5:30 p.m.	Lisa Albers
November 1 (All Saints Day)	8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Rod Kloeckner Jordyn Muscarello
November 2 (All Souls Day)	7 p.m.	Lisa Albers
November 7-8	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Mike Klein Meagan Holthaus Kristi Aubuchon
November 11 (Veteran's Mass)	8 a.m.	Mike Nettekmeier
November 14-15	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Steve Aubuchon Marla Mensing Paul Klostermann
November 21-22	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Tim Moylan Joanie Becker Dave Toennies
November 26 (Thanksgiving)	9 a.m.	Deb Antonacci
November 28-29	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Jim Darr Gary Niemeyer Joan Merideth
December 8 (Immaculate Con.)	8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7 p.m.	Bobbi Deters Mike Nettekmeier Rich Carlton
December 12-13	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Lisa Albers Kathleen Heinzmann Shelly Toennies
December 19-20	5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m.	Mike Klein Jan Deiters Laurie Klostermann
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	5:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	Melissa Becker Rod Kloeckner
December 25 (Christmas Day)	9 a.m.	Meagan Holthaus

December 26-27	5:30 p.m.	Steve Aubuchon
	8 a.m.	Marla Mensing
	11 a.m.	Paul Klostermann
December 31 (New Year's Eve)	5:30 p.m.	Tim Moylan
January 1 (New Year's Day)	8 a.m.	Ben Miller
	11 a.m.	Jordyn Muscarello
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Darr
January 2-3	8 a.m.	Melissa Becker
	11 a.m.	Dave Toennies
	5:30 p.m.	Bobbi Deters
January 9-10	8 a.m.	Joanie Becker
	11 a.m.	Joan Merideth
	5:30 p.m.	Rich Carlton
January 16-17	8 a.m.	Gary Niemeyer
	11 a.m.	Shelly Toennies
	5:30 p.m.	Lisa Albers
January 23-24	8 a.m.	Kathleen Heinzmann
	11 a.m.	Laurie Klostermann
	5:30 p.m.	Mike Klein
January 30-31	8 a.m.	Jan Deiters
	11 a.m.	Ben Miller

PLEASE SEE! Important reminders for all lectors in St. Dominic's Parish:

1. Slow down! What do you think are the two biggest complaints about lectors' performance? You probably guessed at least one of them if not both. One is rate and the other is volume, i.e. "They read too fast" and "I can't hear them." Rate refers to how quickly or slowly one speaks. (It does not mean how much time one takes between thoughts or phrases; that's pausing.) The best rate for a particular passage depends on the content of the reading but as a general rule, lectors should proclaim at one-half their normal speaking voice. That's right, one-half. Slowing down accomplishes several things. First of all, people do not listen as fast as you may speak. People need time to digest what you are saying to them. Unless you slow down, they may not be able to keep up and will simply tune out. At that point, you've lost them and all that practice and preparation would have been for naught. Secondly, slowing down helps achieve clearer pronunciation and enunciation. Very importantly, slowing down brings an added dimension of power to the reading. Try it and see the difference for yourself.

2. Volume. The other of the two most common criticisms that listeners have of lectors is they cannot be heard. (The other one is reading too fast.) Sometimes, the problem is equipment-related but more often than not, it has to do with the lector's ability to project, voice quality and/or their use of the microphone.

Microphones do not mean that we need to speak softer or softly. We should read above normal in volume and let the microphones amplify even that. We have a good microphone. Do not stand too close to the microphone or else you'll "pop your p's". Adjust the angle of the microphone as well. There is no point in being a lector if we are not reading clearly, slowly and loudly enough so that people can understand the reading.

3. Watch the end of sentences and phrases. It is very easy to both drop the voice and to speed up near the end of a sentence or phrase, thus making the words difficult for the people to understand. Within the reading itself, do not rush through. It is not a race, and no one gets a medal for finishing as quickly as possible. After the reading, a meaningful pause of at least three to five seconds should be sustained before saying "The Word of the Lord."

4. Prepare! It is so much richer and expressive if we have prepared well, looked up pronunciation of words and names, don't stumble over sentences, have taken time to really study the reading so that it makes some sense to us. All of us mess up occasionally -- that is inevitable. But when the reason is our lack of preparation -- that is wrong. Practice aloud. Readings are available online at www.usccb.org/nab, or you can use the practice book in the breezeway.

5. Please try to get to Mass early. It keeps you from rushing in and you get a chance to look over the reading in the Lectionary we use.

6. Dress appropriately. It adds to everyone's experience of prayer and praise if the lector dresses well. It is distracting when you do not.

Other important reminders:

- Just a reminder...The only time we bow as lectors is before and after the Scripture Readings. We do not bow in the Entrance procession and we do not bow before and after the Intercessions. These are guidelines for all lectors in all parishes in our diocese and in all parishes in the U.S.
- Please mark your calendars so you do not miss your appointed time to lector. Failure to show up puts Fr. Pat or Deacon Linus in a difficult position, and the lector who comes forward does not have time to prepare.
- Please make sure to call or e-mail me if you are unable to read at your scheduled time so I can make a switch or find a replacement. Any other questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 830-5369 or rod222@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and dedication to this very important ministry.

May God bless all, Rod Kloeckner