

January 24, 2008

Hi Everyone,

Enjoying the early Spring weather? NOT! Well we do know it is coming so lets think positive.

We thank all of you for your dedication to the ministry of lector and Eucharistic Minister at our church especially in the previous holiday season.

Attached to this letter is the "Spring" schedule for the months of February through May. Please note the times you are scheduled. If you can't serve at your scheduled time please call for a substitute. And subs... Please show up. An updated roster will be available in the next few weeks. Please check for your copy in the sacristy office file rack I have sitting on the folding table.

A big welcome to the new ministers who are being scheduled this scheduling period:

Patti Sarri, Marica Rothgery, Deborah Major, Christina Meecha

And Lectors:

Mark and Kristen Craig

When you see them at mass please introduce yourselves to them when you serve with them.

A few notes:

General:

I will not be reserving seats for the Easter masses for the ministers. There was some confusion during the Christmas masses and the thought will be to see how this goes.

Eucharistic ministers Notes:

Please wait until the choir/organist has completed or nearly completed the recessional song before you take the tray with the sacred vessels back to the sacristy. Mass is still in progress up through the last song.

Also if there is water in the bowl that the priest washed hands in, please pour it into the potted plants or out the door. Please refrain from pouring it into the baptistry.

Subs for this scheduling period: Marcia Pichola, Laura Sabo, Sandy Alexander, Carolyn Falasco, Pat Kuhman, Rosemary Woconish, Lisa Ann and Kevin Prokopius, Susan Kuchenbecker, and Lee Mosso.

Lectors Notes:

Everyone is doing a good job proclaiming the readings. Please continue to remember to practice the readings out loud at home in your Word study. Be conscience of yourself in reading too fast. When we proclaim we want to assist the congregation in picturing the readings in their heads as they are listening to them through your interpretation.

Movement and position at mass:

Please remember that between readings you simply step down from the Ambo and standing facing the congregation. You don't need to look at or watch the priest or choir. I noticed some doing this and it is distracting because it looks like signals are being passed between everybody.

When you step back up to read the intentions, please move to the foot of the sanctuary steps and recite the creed there. We should not be moving during a prayer at mass. After you are done with the intentions, remain at the Ambo standing forward until after the presider completes the prayer closing the Liturgy of the Word. You can simple bow your head as this prayer is being said and not have to worry to turn to face the presider. After the prayer is done you can step down and return to your seat with your family.

That is all for now. Think Spring!

Sincerely,

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