

## MINISTER OF THE WORD

Perhaps you listened as a particularly able lector made an old reading sound fresh and open to you for the first time. Or you may have heard lectors race through the readings like they had a plane to catch. Perhaps you thought “I could do better than that!”

Lectoring is not an honour bestowed on the worthy, but a service offered to the community. The lector is giving his or her gift for the sake of the whole gathering. This particular service assists the community at prayer by helping them to hear the word of God a little more clearly.

### *What is required to be a lector?*

- A willingness to serve
- Short period of preparation in advance of each reading
- The good grace to show up on time at the Mass at which you are scheduled to read. If you are unable to show up when you are scheduled, make arrangements for substitution.
- Common-sense dress code – clean and neat appearance registers respect for your service to the word and to the assembly

### *What are the benefits and challenges of this Ministry?*

- Bringing the word of God to the assembly
- Personally and spiritually rewarding

### *What training is required?*

- Orientation provided
- Training workshop