

OLPH Proclaimers' Ministry - Frequently Asked Questions

Can I sign up as both a proclaimer and an extraordinary minister of communion at the same mass?

It is always preferable to sign up for just one ministry at the same mass so your focus is not divided and so that more volunteers can serve in ministry. At some masses, we are short of volunteers such as proclaimers or Eucharistic Ministers. Please sign up in your preferred ministry well in advance. Please check Sign Up Genius at least two hours before on the Sunday you've signed up for to see if volunteers are still needed. At that time, you would be able to sign up for an additional ministry.

What do I do if I want to volunteer at mass but cannot access Sign Up Genius easily?

First, see the detailed step by step Sign Up Genius How To Document. If you are still not able to sign up, simply call the Parish office at (780) 467-5470 during office hours and they will be able to help you.

What happens if there are two readings that could be used on a given Sunday?

Prepare both readings, then check with the presider to see which reading he would prefer you to use.

What happens if there is a shortened version of a reading? Do we use that?

We always use the long version of the reading.

How can I avoid microphone pops and volume issues?

Microphone pops happen most on "p" or "t" sounds when we are standing too close to the head of the microphone. To avoid this, simply make sure the microphone head is a little below your mouth (chin level) so air from speaking is not going directly into the microphone. Please turn the microphone off before adjusting it, then turn it on again when you are done.

Do not worry about volume – our AV techs will adjust volume so you can be easily heard by the congregation.

What does »dress in a manner befitting this sacred ministry« actually mean?

The congregation must always be able to focus on the Word of God, so dress should not be distracting in any way. Proclaimers are asked to wear their "Sunday best." Clothing should be modest, neat and clean, reflecting the dignity of the ministry. (Examples of inappropriate clothing would be items such as jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, low-cut attire, flip-flops, spaghetti straps)

What do I do differently when a Deacon is present?

When a deacon is present, he will carry the Book of the Gospels and place it on the Altar. To assist, after the **second proclaimer** finishes reading, he or she will close the lectionary and place it on the shelf in the Ambo (since the Deacon will read the gospel from the Book of the Gospels).

The Deacon will read the **Prayers of the Faithful**, so the first proclaimer does not have to do this.