



**is commissioned to
PROCLAIM the WORD of GOD
in the liturgy of this parish,
to serve our community
in the YEAR of the WORD 2021**

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**BLESSING OF READERS,
PSALMISTS and LEADERS of CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD**

After the Opening prayer of the Mass all readers to be commissioned come forward before the altar. The celebrant addresses the people first.
The Word of God, proclaimed in sacred scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love. The ministry of reader, then, is important to the life of the Church, for the reader proclaims God's living word. We ask God to bless these readers and all of us who will soon listen to the Word of God.

addressing the readers the celebrant asks these questions :

Are you resolved to prepare diligently to proclaim the Word of God to the people and to lead them in intercession? **Reader : I am**

Are you resolved to pattern your life on the Word of God that you proclaim and so serve to build up the Church? **Reader : I am**

Everlasting God, when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth, your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which he would give up his life.

Bless ✠ these readers.

As they proclaim your words of life, strengthen their faith that they may read with conviction and boldness and put into practice what they read. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

The celebrant gives the Lectionary to the reader who will proclaim the First Reading saying
May the word of God always be heard in this place, as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you and achieves your salvation within the Church. AMEN

*The reader(s) and psalmist move to the ambo to begin the Liturgy of the Word.
The celebrant and all other readers return to their seats*

Sources

*Introduction and prayer of blessing – Book of Blessings
At the giving of the Lectionary – Rite of Dedication of a Church*

Questions – KMcG

