

## What Are The Opportunities?

As stewards, the ministry of the lector is vital to the life of our parish because it is through the lector that the Word of God is proclaimed (i.e., “comes alive.”) A love for the Scriptures and their meaning in the life of the parish is central to this role. This is best exhibited in a lector’s study and practice in preparing to proclaim the word. It is also revealed in the ability and skill a lector demonstrates in actually proclaiming the Word at Mass. A lector must have both a love for the Scriptures and a love for those who will be listening to that Word.



### **Diocese of Honolulu Mission Statement:**

To give WITNESS TO JESUS!

### **St. Joseph Church Mission Statement:**

St. Joseph Church Parish  
is a faith community in  
Makawao, Maui.

We are dedicated to the call of God,  
to support the Diocese of Honolulu  
in its mission, to celebrate the Eu-  
charist, and to commit and make  
Jesus present in our lives.

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## *St. Joseph Church Ministry of*

# LECTORS



*If you would like to join this  
ministry please contact:*

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## Ministers Of The Word

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- God speaks to us through the scriptures.
  - ◇ He speaks to a particular people gathered at a particular time in a particular place
  - ◇ The WORD will affect us in different ways.
  - ◇ Each person will hear the message uniquely, as the Holy Spirit reaches into the hearts of us all to place within them the message that comes from God.
  - ◇ To work this miracle, God chooses instruments,
- God uses **LECTORS**.
- Readings other than the Gospel are proclaimed by the LECTORS.
- The ministry of the Word is treated seriously and with great dignity.
  - ◇ Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly.
  - ◇ The Word of God is not merely read during the liturgy. It is proclaimed!
  - ◇ Deliver the message with clarity, conviction and appropriate pace.
- Ideally, members of the assembly listen to the proclamation of the Scriptures and do not read along in missalettes.
- Use of TWO readers—one for each reading—is encouraged.

## Lectors Training

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Lectors requires spiritual and technical preparation.

- Spiritual preparation:
  - ◇ Biblical and liturgical formation
  - ◇ Be able to understand the readings in context
  - ◇ Perceive the light of faith—the central point of the revealed message
  - ◇ Have some grasp of meaning and structure of the Liturgy of the Word
- Technical preparation:
  - ◇ Prepare lectors with skills in the art of reading publicly
  - ◇ Know how to use their voices
  - ◇ Know how to use the sound equipment
  - ◇ Pronunciation, Articulation, Pacing

## Who Can Join?

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The determination of who can serve as a Lector is the responsibility of the individual seeking to enter into this ministry, those involved in the formation and training of Lectors and the Pastor.

Requirements for Serving as a Lector

- A follower of Jesus Christ
- Confirmed Roman Catholic
- In good standing with the Church
- Actively involved in the life of the parish
- Regular Mass attendance on Sunday/Holy Days
- A familiarity and love for Sacred Scripture
- A genuine desire to share the Word of God with others

## When Do We Meet?

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Extraordinary Ministers meets twice a year.

