

Commentator

Introduction

1. Arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass.
2. Study Introduction and Intercessions.
3. Wait in Sacristy until Mass starting time (carrying a cell phone [be sure it's on vibrate] is recommended so you begin on time).
4. When leaving the Sacristy, bow toward the Tabernacle.
5. Approach the Ambo and read the Introduction exactly as it is written. Feel free to adjust the microphone. You do not need to wait for Father to signal you to begin.
6. Read at a conversational speed. Too slow or too fast detracts from the words being spoken.
7. Read with feeling and appropriate vocal inflections.
8. Place the Intercession sheet on the shelf in the Ambo.
9. Once the musician announces the Gathering Hymn, leave the Ambo and go to your pew.

Intercessions

1. Depending on where you are seated, begin leaving your pew during the Creed on the words, "...and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." There is no need to hurry, but make sure you don't make the Priest wait too long before he begins his introduction before the Intercessions.
2. Do a slight bow toward the Altar before approaching the Ambo.
3. Read the Intercessions as they are printed. Do not add additional intercessions.
4. The Assembly will know when to respond by the inflections and cadence of your voice. A slight pause and looking up before saying, "We pray to the Lord...", "We pray...", or whatever the designated response will lessen confusion as to when to respond.
5. When you read, "*For the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts...*," make sure you pause for about five seconds before continuing with the special intention(s).
6. When Father has finished with his prayer after the Intercessions, leave the Ambo and return to your pew.