

## **Preparing to Read Lessons**

Instructions for Lectors and Preachers

The readings for each Sunday can be found on-line at:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

From Sunday, December 1, 2019 until Sunday, November 22, 2020  
we will be using the readings for Lectionary **Year A**

1. Whenever there are two tracks of readings to choose from,  
always prepare to read from **Track 1**.  
*Example:* On June 28, 2020, (The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost-Proper 8),  
there are two tracks of readings. Lectors should prepare to read the Track 1.  
Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
  
2. If there are two readings to choose from for a specific part of the liturgy  
(ex. two Old Testament readings; two psalms or a canticle and a psalm; two epistles)  
always prepare to read **the selection that appears second** on the Lectionary Page.  
*Example:* On December 15, 2019 (Third Sunday of Advent) there is a choice  
between Psalm 146:4-9 or the canticle, The Song of Mary, *Magnificat*.  
Since the Psalm is listed first on the Lectionary Page, lectors should prepare  
to read the psalm.
  
3. Sometimes a reading will have [some of the verses surrounded by brackets.]  
When this happens, we **do not** read the verses between the brackets.  
*Example:* On February 9, 2020 (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany) for  
Isaiah 58:1-9a.[9b-12] we will not read verses 9b-12.
  
4. If the preacher chooses to use a bible passage that is different from these instructions,  
**it is the preacher's responsibility to let the lectors and the parish secretary know  
of any changes**, so the bulletin will be prepared correctly and the lectors can  
prepare to read.

If you have any questions, contact Paul LeClair.