



**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MINISTRY OF READER**

**NAME**

- The name of this group is known as the Holy Family Ministry of Reader.

**FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- It is the function and responsibility of this ministry to proclaim God's Word in the liturgical assembly and bring the message of salvation to those who have not yet received it. The Holy Family readers are accountable to the pastor, who commissions them for a term of service to the parish, and the Reader Coordinator.

**MEETINGS**

- Meetings are held biannually, usually coinciding with the changes in the liturgical calendar, i.e. before the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.
- Meetings include biblical, liturgical and spiritual formation as well as a component on communication skills.
- Training sessions for new readers are scheduled as needed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership is open to all registered Holy Family parishioners, regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity, who possess the communication skills necessary to proclaim the Word of God to the liturgical assembly.
- The length of commitment is two (2) years with the opportunity to renew the term of service.

**OFFICERS**

- There are no officer positions, however there is a *Reader Coordinator*.

**FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE READER COORDINATOR**

- Conduct the biannual meetings.
- Conduct the training sessions for new readers.
- Maintain communication with the parish readers about pertinent information and see that the schedules are prepared and mailed in a timely fashion.
- Maintain a list of readers and their terms of service.

**FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARISH READER**

- Prepare the Sunday Scripture reading(s) the week prior with study, prayer and practice.
- Arrive at church 15-minutes early in order to review the readings, announcements and intercessions.
- Make eye contact with those who are listening and treat the Word of God with reverence.
- Attend the biannual parish meetings and/or attend a diocesan workshop for readers.

**If you are interested in participating in this liturgical ministry, please contact the parish office at (727) 526-5783 and they will forward your information to the Reader Coordinator.**