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Dear Lectors/Readers,

Hopefully you will have the opportunity to relax and reflect on all we have to be thankful for as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. We are certainly thankful for all of you who serve in this Ministry of the Word and appreciate your commitment to preparation and fulfilling your assignments.

The weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1 begins the new liturgical year with the first weekend of Advent. The readings will now come from cycle A in the lectionary. The schedule for the period from December 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020 is now ready. Please place your scheduled dates on your calendar. Remember that it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable for your assigned date. If you do switch, please contact the parish office so that the accurate information can be in the bulletin and the weekend binder.

A question arose about what to do when a lector does not show up for their assignment. Usually a Mass Coordinator is being attentive to whether everyone, lectors, servers, etc. has signed in. Should there be an unfilled slot, if another lector is at church he/she can be asked to step in and fill the opening. Alternatively, the two lectors who are present can decide amongst themselves who will cover the open assignment. For example if lector one does not show up, lector two can proclaim both readings. If the assigned reader does not show up, one of the lectors should also take the role of reader.

While the Immaculate Conception is transferred to December 9 and is not a Holy Day of obligation this year, we will be offering an evening Mass on December 9 at 7:00pm. Please contact Nikki if you can help with this date. The sign-up sheets for Christmas will be in the Sacristy beginning November 30.

Finally, in preparation for Christmas, we anticipate using the new addition for overflow, and just as Mary & Joseph travelled looking for a place to welcome them, we know that we will have guests joining us at the Christmas Masses. These guests come for many reasons and some may be open to hearing the Good News of Jesus, seeking a place to worship. Please help us Unleash the Gospel this Christmas by welcoming our Christmas guests.

God Bless You

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