

Instructions for the Intercessor

Purpose: To read the Prayers of the People on behalf of the congregation during Sunday services and special services throughout the year

Before the service:

- Familiarize yourself with the Prayers of the People for the day. Note that these change from week to week. They can be found on the parish website by clicking on “Worship” and downloading the service bulletin for the upcoming service. Service bulletins are usually available the Thursday prior to the Sunday service

During the service:

- Immediately following the Nicene Creed, we read the Prayers of the People. The Deacon, when present, will introduce the Prayers of the People with a bidding
- The Prayers of the People are led from your seat in the pews. The Intercessor should read slowly, at a comfortable pace and loudly enough for everyone in the Nave to be able to hear
- The Intercessor reads each petition. After each petition, the congregation responds with the words in italicized print
- Toward the end of the prayers, there will be time for the congregation to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. If there is another petition for you to read following the silence, please allow at least 20 seconds before continuing
- The Celebrant will read a concluding prayer at the end of the Prayers of the People.