

## Requirements to Become a Reader / Lector

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Elgin, Texas

1. You should be fully initiated and a practicing member of the Church. This includes being current on all sacraments, including baptism, first communion and confirmation. If married, you must be validly married in the Church.  
\*\*Youth who will be serving at the Youth Mass are not required to be confirmed, but should be baptized and have received first communion, and be current with the sacraments appropriate for their age.
2. You must be a registered member of Sacred Heart Parish.
3. You should attend Mass regularly and be in good sacramental standing with the Church so that you can participate fully in the Eucharistic celebration.
4. You will need to complete a Liturgical Ministry Registration Form.
5. You will be required to complete the online volunteer application on the Diocese of Austin webpage (paper copies can be provided if you do not have access to the internet).  
\*\* Youth under age 18 are not required to complete the application process.
6. You will also be required to attend an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop, and maintain compliance with the EIM policies.  
\*\*Youth under 18 are not required to attend the EIM training.
7. Once the EIM requirements are met, you will receive training from the Ministry Coordinator (or designee) on the duties and responsibilities of this ministry.
8. You will receive a Blessing from the pastor during Mass when you begin your service as a reader.
9. You will also receive information on how to use the automated scheduling system.