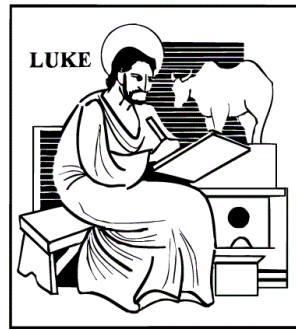
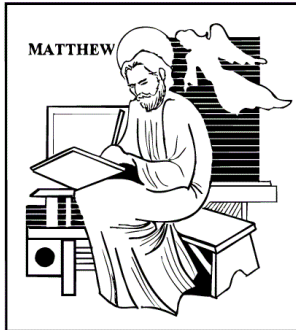


Breaking Open the Word



November 8, 2015 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 155 Gospel [Mk 12:38-44](#)

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Spiritual Reflection:

Psychologists' point out that money is more than money. Money is actually a symbol for our dreams and our hopes. If you dream of going to college someday you need money. If you desire to have a comfortable retirement you are going to need money. By contributing to your church you are sharing with God more than your income. You are sharing with God your hopes and dreams.

Spiritual Questions:

1. How can sharing of your financial resources become a sharing of your dreams with God?
2. How serious are you about your financial commitment of your faith?
3. Do you have a plan for giving to the Church? To the poor? To other charities?
4. If you are need do you allow others to help you?:
5. Can you give from your poverty?