

# 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



## Denunciation of the Scribes and the Poor Widow's Gift

MARK 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."

### FUN FACT!

The first full week of November is National Vocation Awareness Week. Take time this week to ask God how he is calling you to serve his Church. Also, pray for those discerning the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.



### TIPS FOR EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

- Read the upcoming Sunday Gospel a few days before the weekend. Listen to what God is saying to you personally.
- Select part of the Gospel ahead of time and share it with your children. Have them listen for this part during Mass.
- Don't be afraid to let kids ask honest questions. Be honest if you don't know something. Tell your child you will look into it and get back to them.

### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL



Either before or after a Sunday meal together, designate one person to read the Gospel. Other family members should listen attentively. Then have each family member share an insight about the Gospel.

Discuss the following questions as a family:

- What is the difference between how the scribes behaved and how the poor widow behaved in today's Gospel? What can we learn from this?
- Why is it important to contribute to the needs of the Church by sharing our time, talent, and treasure?



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## FAMILY FUN

# Thankful Bunting

Start preparing for Thanksgiving by taking on an attitude of gratitude! Gratitude increases our overall happiness, helps us to be less self-centered, and helps us to be the people God calls us to be. Reflecting on what you are thankful for is a great way for your family to cultivate a generous spirit. Collect all of your family's sentiments of gratitude and make a thankful bunting (a string of color triangular flags) today!

### Materials:

- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Black markers
- Paint, crayons, or markers
- Hole punch
- Yarn

### Directions:

Cut your paper into triangles big enough to draw and write on. Have your family members draw pictures and write words of the things you are thankful for. Color the images and decorate the triangles. Once finished, punch a hole in the top corners of each triangle and weave yarn through the hole to string them together. Finally, hang your new thankful bunting up in a prominent place in your home so it serves as a reminder to be thankful for all your good gifts!

## FAMILY PRAYER

### Prayer for Vocations



*In honor of National Vocation Awareness Week, take some time to pray for vocations as a family.*

Loving and Generous God, it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.

Bless our domestic Church and larger community by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as sisters, priests, brothers, and deacons.

Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Old-Fashioned Soft Pumpkin Cookies

*With Thanksgiving coming soon, try out a new recipe to make for your guests! This recipe is just as good as pumpkin pie, but in cookie form.*

### INGREDIENTS:

1 can pumpkin puree	1/4 t. ground ginger
3 c. flour	3/4 c. butter, softened
1 1/2 t. baking powder	1 c. packed brown sugar
1 t. baking soda	3/4 c. sugar
1 t. salt	1 egg
2 t. pumpkin pie spice	2 t. maple syrup or milk
1 1/2 t. cinnamon	1 1/2 t. vanilla

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, and ginger together in a large bowl. Set aside.
3. In a separate mixing bowl, cream the butter, sugar, and brown sugar together on medium speed until smooth, about 2 minutes. Add the egg and mix until combined. Add the maple syrup or milk, vanilla, and pumpkin puree and mix until combined.
4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, then mix until combined. Place scoops of cookie dough onto the baking sheets.
5. Bake for 14-15 minutes or until the edges appear set. The centers will look soft. Remove from the oven and allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

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