

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 14, 2021



The Coming of the Son of Man and The Lesson of the Fig Tree

MARK 13::24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In those days after tribulation
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’
with great power and glory,
and then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree.
when its branches becomes tender and sprouts leaves,
you know that the summer is near.
In the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that he is near, at the gates.
Amen, I say to you,
this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Have and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”



TIPS FOR EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

1. Read the upcoming Sunday Gospel a few days before the weekend. Listen to what God is saying to you personally.
2. Select part of the Gospel ahead of time and share it with your children. Have them listen for this part during Mass.
3. 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:

- Have you ever thought about Jesus coming back to earth?
- What would it be like to see Jesus in all his power and glory?

FUN FACT

Figs blossom on the inside of the fruit
so you won't see any blossoms on their branches.

FAMILY FUN
Cloud Watching



Jesus says he will come back in the clouds. Spend some time one day this week looking at the clouds from a window in your home, sharing what shapes you see, and trying to see what shapes others see.



FAMILY PRAYER
Act of Faith

Lord, I believe that You are the One True God.
Help me to believe in You more.

Lord, I see evidence of You in my life.
Help me to see You more.

Lord, I hear You in my life.
Help me to hear You even more.

Lord, I trust in You above others.
Help me to trust in You even more.

Lord, I know You love me.
Help me to know and feel Your love even more.

Lord, I know You died for me and my sins.
Help me to be sorrowful for what I do that is wrong and help me to turn from sin each day.

Lord, I know You opened
the gates of Heaven for those who believe.
Help me to strive each day
to live for my eternal home of Heaven.

Lord, You told us to love You
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Help me to love You with
all of my heart, mind, soul, and strength
rather than with just some of them.

Lord, You told us to
love our neighbor as ourselves.
Help me to love myself
and to love my neighbor as You ask me to.

Lord, may Your great love and sacrifice for me
inspire and encourage me
to truly live my life for You.
May my faith in You increase each day
as I pray and strive to live my life for You.

Amen.



RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Fig Marmalade

Large shady fig trees were plentiful in the time of Jesus and are still found in Israel today. This sweet dish is fitting as we reflect on today's Gospel.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs dried figs
- 1 pound of sugar (2 cups)
- 1/2 Tbsp. anise seed
- 3 tsp. unflavored gelatin
- 3/4 cup of water

DIRECTIONS:

1. Boil sugar and water for 5 minutes.
2. Add dried figs and anise seed.
3. Cover and let simmer on low heat until figs are well cooked.
4. Add Gelatin dissolved in 1 Tbsp of warm water and stir thoroughly to thicken, it will thicken as it cools.
5. Pour while hot into clean glass jars.
6. Seal immediately and refrigerate.

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