

Kids' Chronicle

...not be one stone left'

BY JOE SARNICOLA

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples pointed out how beautiful the temple building was, and how fine was the carving of the stone. But Jesus had a harsh answer. "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be one stone left upon another that will not be thrown down." The disciples looked at each other, but they had no more remarks about the temple.

Later, Jesus was alone with Peter, James, Andrew and John. They wanted to know how they would recognize when the end of the world was near and what signs they should watch for. "When will this happen?" they asked.

Jesus motioned for his friends to lean closer, because what he had to say was for them to hear and no one else. "When you hear of wars and reports of wars, do not be alarmed; such things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. There will be earthquakes from place to place and there will be famine."

Andrew backed away, a bit frightened by what Jesus was saying. He wondered if these things would happen soon. Jesus, sensing Andrew's fear, put his hand on his shoulder to reassure him. Then he continued speaking about the signs of the end.

"Watch out for yourselves," Jesus whispered. "They will hand you over to the courts. You will be beaten in the synagogues. When they lead you away and hand you over, do not worry

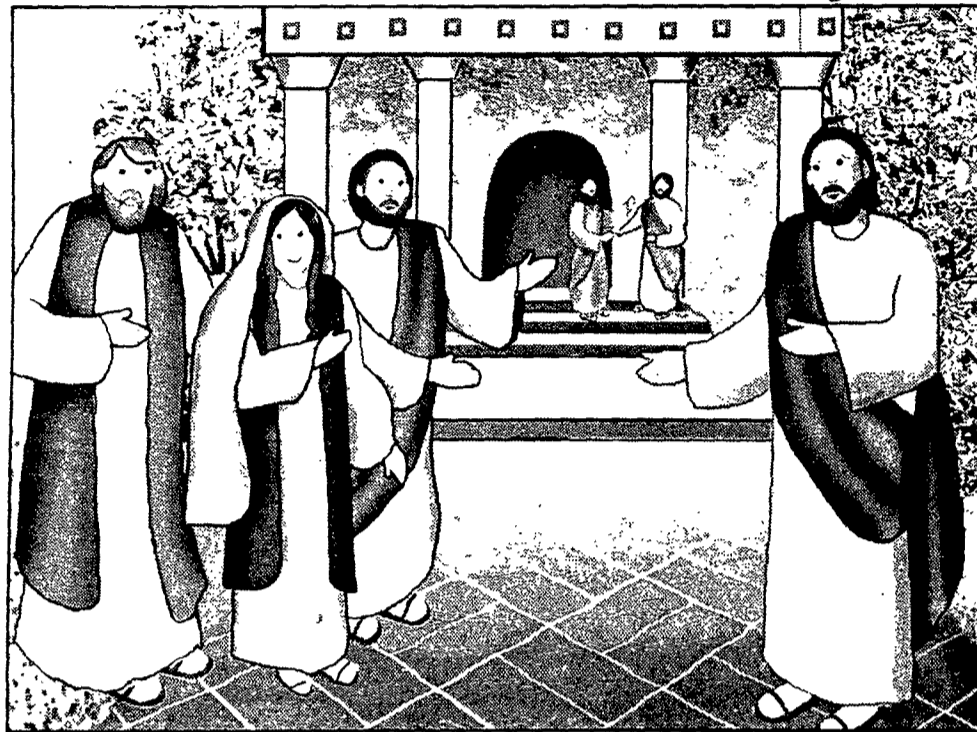


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beforehand about what you are to say. For it will not be you who are speaking, but the Holy Spirit."

Jesus was telling them about such things, but it sounded as though they would be safe, because the Holy Spirit would be with them.

Then Jesus quoted the words of the prophet Isaiah. "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." Was there nothing that would not be changed in the end? The stars, the sun, the moon, even the powers of heaven?

Then Jesus stood up, raised his arms toward the sky, and said, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."

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Q&A

1. What did the disciples want to know?
2. What was the Son of Man going to do?

Bible Accent

The Eucharist is one of the sacraments of initiation, and receiving Communion is one of the most important parts of the Mass. Before taking it, the church teaches that we should be sorry for any sins we have committed, and we should not have eaten or drunk anything one hour before Mass.

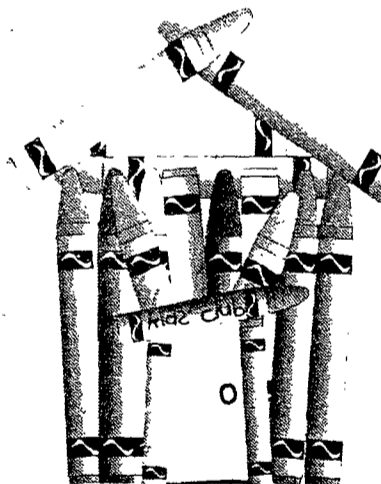
The host may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. The priest or eucharistic minister offers it to us and says, "The body of Christ," and our response is "Amen." There is also the option to sip the wine. The minister says, "The blood of Christ," and our response is again, "Amen."

The church expects us to partake of Communion at least once a year, in the Easter season. However, we are encouraged to take Communion as often as possible, and the best way to do so is to attend Mass regularly.

St. Martin de Porres


Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima, Peru, the son of a white Spanish knight and a black woman from Panama. At the age of 16, Martin joined a community of Dominican priests and brothers in Lima. He was very interested in helping people who were poor or sick, and he founded an orphanage and a foundling hospital.

Every day he would distribute the alms of food that had been donated to the convent for the poor and needy. He visited and cared for the slaves who had been brought to Peru from Africa. He also fed and cared for the stray cats and dogs that lived in the city. Martin knew how to use small amounts of money and food very efficiently, and he taught others how to do the same. He is the patron saint of social justice, and we honor him on Nov. 3.



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