

Children's Page

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Gospel - St Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples, "One day I will return, and you will know that the time has come because of these signs; the sun will grow dark, the moon will lose its brightness, stars will fall to earth and space itself will be shaken. Then the Son of Man will appear in all his glory, send the angels to gather his people together from and every corner of the world. Learn from the fig tree: when its buds appear it is a sign that summer is drawing closer.

In the same way, by these signs you will know when the kingdom of God is near.

Everything else will pass away, but my words are everlasting. No one except my heavenly Father knows the day or time when all this will happen."

Reflection.

As people we like to be prepared for events like parties, Christmas and the seasons of the year. We like to know what type of weather we will have. The falling leaves remind us that the weather will grow colder and winter will be arriving. These signs help us to avoid surprises or disasters that could catch us unawares. These signs help us to be ready.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling us what the signs are that will prepare us for when Christ will return in glory at the end of time. It is our responsibility to be prepared and alert as God alone knows the date and time.

Prayer

Loving Father,

Keep us close to your love,

and ready to greet Christ when he returns in glory.

Amen