

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



Homily Helps and Petitions for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A (21 June 2020)

Homily Helps

† Comment for the day:

God's saving mercy is unending and boundless. Today's Scripture readings invite us to reflect on God's infinite love, and to join with creation itself in hymns of gratitude and praise. Jeremiah reminds us of how God has rescued him from his enemy. The psalmist celebrates how God has heard the cry of the poor. St. Paul notes how God's mercy is so much greater than our offenses, and Jesus in Matthew's Gospel reminds us of how the Father cares for even the smallest detail of our lives, and the life of all of His creation.

Through God's loving care, we are intimately connected to one another and to all of creation. Pope Francis calls these "intertwined relationships" and notes that we disrupt that harmony when we think only of ourselves. To live justly is to live in right relationship – with God, with one another and with all of God's creation. We will grow in our relationship with God to the extent we come to see our sisters and brothers and all of God's creation as equally cared for and loved by our generous and abundant God.

† Scripture passages to note:

Jer 20: Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.

Psalm 69: For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them.

Rom 5: The gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the

Matt 10: Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Homily Helps (cont.)

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself. ... The harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation as a whole was disrupted by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to acknowledge our creaturely limitations. (#65)

We must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. (#67)

Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbor, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. (#70)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: May we grow in our relationships with God, with one another and with all of God's creation, we pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That we may show our gratitude for God's saving mercy by how we show mercy to one another, we pray to the Lord....

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