

Integral Faith

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



Homily Helps, Petitions, and Bulletin Notices for the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B (June 27, 2021)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Wisdom 1: God did not make death... He fashioned all things that they might have being; the creatures of the world are wholesome.

2 Corinthians 8: Our Lord Jesus Christ, though he was rich, for your sake became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Alleluia: Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

Mark 5: "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." ... He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.

† Comments for the Day:

God is the giver and sustainer of life. Each of us has received this gift, and are called to care for our own lives and our relationship with nature. As Pope Francis constantly points out in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, everything is interconnected. My life and my relationships are inseparable from the fraternity, justice and faithfulness that I share with others, that we share with one another and our world. Thus, environmental issues are related to personal issues, to social issues and to political issues.

Consider racism; intertwined with this social cancer we find related ecological problems. Consider economic inequality; again, we find that it is the poor who disproportionately suffer the effects of environmental degradation. And consider the COVID pandemic, where we find that many contracting the virus are those who are predisposed due to air pollution in their communities.

Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. As Jesus' disciples we are responsible for addressing and healing to the best of our ability the causes of death in our society, whether they be social, political or environmental. In the gospel, Jesus answers the plea of a distraught father to save his daughter, to give her life. Like Jesus, we are called to address the situations of death that we encounter, even when they might seem hopeless.

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† **Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:**

Faith convictions can offer Christians, and some other believers as well, ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters. . . . Christians in their turn “realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith”. It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions. (64)

We are called to recognize that other living beings have value of their own in God’s eyes. (69)

Everything is interconnected and genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others. (70)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might make care for creation and for those impacted by climate change a central component of our gospel lives, let us pray to the Lord...

Option 2: That we might increasingly come to appreciate nature and the world in which we live as a gift of our loving Creator, let us pray to the Lord...

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