

Integral Faith

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



Homily Helps and Petitions for the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C (November 13, 2022)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Malachi 3: But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Psalms 98: He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 3: We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct to eat quietly and to eat their own food.

Luke 21: "There will be powerful earthquakes, famines and plagues...By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

† Comments for the Day:

Today's readings contain both warnings and good news. Evildoers will be punished and the just will experience healing. Malachi prophesies to a cynical, hopeless Israel that God will cleanse and heal them. Paul writes to the Thessalonians about lax, disorderly members who do nothing for the common good and let others feed them.

In the gospel, Jesus predicts the downfall of the opulent temple built by King Herod to impress other rulers. He teaches that ostentation and the search for wealth and power are incompatible with the Kingdom of God.

We honor God by caring for the common good of all creation, with earth being our common home. Wealthy societies that cause devastation to the environment by, for example, careless overconsumption of resources are causing the poor to suffer from the consequences of their lifestyles. Those who are harming the environment the least are the ones that suffer the most from its destruction.

In this era of climate change, let us take stock of our own lifestyles and how best to use the earth's limited resources wisely – and justly – for the sake of our less fortunate brothers and sisters who share our "common home."

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing off their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet. In practice, we continue to tolerate that some consider themselves more human than others, as if they had been born with greater rights. (90)

The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. (93)

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone... That is why the New Zealand bishops asked what the commandment “Thou shalt not kill” means when “twenty percent of the world’s population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive.” (95)

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it ... When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment. (229)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we become more aware of how the climate crisis, brought about by human activity, is affecting the poor worldwide, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That we be more mindful of the common good for the sake of our families, our cities, our nation, and the world, let us pray to the Lord ...

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