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"Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way, he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope."

Pope Francis, the encyclical Laudato Si’, n.71
and for what God has made.

**December 19**

**December 20**
Save energy this week: place an insulating cover on your electric water heater. If you have an oil- or gas-fired water heater, consult with a plumber before installing it.

**December 21**
Today’s Gospel reminds us that Mary believed that “what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Ask Mary to help you believe in God’s promise of life for the Earth community.

**December 22**
Learn to compost. Find out what a huge difference it makes and why. Watch a short video *

**December 23**
Decide to go organic in your garden this spring. Grow your lawn & garden without toxic chemicals. Leave grass clippings on the lawn and cut the grass higher.

**December 24**
Pray with Zechariah for justice for the poor and healing of the earth: “In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

**December 25**
We hear in the Gospel today that, “All things came to be through Him” (that is, Christ, the eternal Word of God). Reflect on those words and your daring hope in God’s power to heal and transform the earth. Join a social movement to climate justice.

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“When the Roman Empire was seeking to impose absolute dominion, the faithful would once again find consolation and hope in a growing trust in the all-powerful God: “Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways!” (Rev. 15:3) The God who created the universe out of nothing can also intervene in this world and overcome every form of evil. Injustice is not invincible.” Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’,* n. 74

“Politics and business have been slow to react in a way commensurate with the urgency of the challenges facing our world. Although the post-industrial period may well be remembered as one of the most irresponsible in history, nonetheless there is reason to hope that humanity at the dawn of the twenty-first century will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities.” Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’,* n. 165

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*Catholics Social Teachings and the Green New Deal/ a webinar from the Catholic Climate Covenant*

*A video, The Compost Story  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqDQD8cvOSY&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqDQD8cvOSY&t=8s)*

*The above links are also available on the website of the Immaculate Conception Church under Advent program.*