

Integral Faith

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



Catholic Climate Covenant™
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Homily Helps and Petitions for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B (July 4, 2021)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Ezekiel 2: I heard the one who was speaking say to me...Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist...they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

2 Corinthians 12: My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

Mark 6: [Jesus] came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?...And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."... He was amazed at their lack faith.

† Comment for the Day:

Prophets receive the word of God and are sent into the world to bring God's word to others. The word of God may confront and challenge individuals, nations and cultures to change their habitual and comfortable ways of living. Often this makes prophets resented and unpopular. People of faith are called to confront the belief that humans have a right to dominate and use creation as a resource to be freely exploited for money and so-called "progress."

When we preach Pope Francis' teaching on the urgency of changing our attitudes and practices so that God's creation can flourish, we often seem to be "without honor" to our listeners whose thinking is dominated by profit and politics. The good news is that more and more people are realizing the seriousness of ecological problems like climate change. Industry, the press and governments are joining people of faith, climate scientists and the many young people like Greta Thunberg and youth groups who are organizing action and advocacy for our common home.

As prophets in our own communities, may we have the grace and courage of those in scripture, and in ecological movements today, to profess the gift of God's creation and the need to care for it.

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

The writings of the prophets invite us to find renewed strength in times of trial by contemplating the all-powerful God who created the universe... The God who liberates and saves is the same God who created the universe. (73)

A spirituality that forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable... The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality. (75)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we may be ever mindful that we are not God so that we do not dominate and destroy God's creation, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That we may be ever mindful that we not only exist by God's love and power but also live with God in creation, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 3: That we, as prophets in our own communities, may have the grace and courage to profess the gift of God's creation and the need to care for it.

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