

Integral Faith

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



Homily Resources and Petitions for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B (12 August 2018)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Kings: He (Elijah) got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

Ephesians: So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love...

John: I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational program, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm. (#111).

There is a growing awareness that scientific and technological progress cannot be equated with the progress of humanity and history, a growing sense that the way to a better future lies elsewhere. (#113).

Any approach to an integral ecology, which by definition does not exclude human beings, needs to take account of the value of labor... (#124).

Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. (#128).

† Comment for the day:

In the passage from 1 Kings, Elijah finds himself in a precarious situation. He has challenged the king, killed the prophets of Baal and is fleeing for his life. On the journey he is tempted to abandon his mission. But God strengthens him with food, giving him the courage to continue his journey, and he makes his way to Horeb. As we are reminded in the responsorial psalm, “the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.”

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis reminds us of the very difficult situations that we face in our daily lives today, especially the ecological crisis. He invites us to adopt a “distinctive way of looking at things” that will allow us to develop a new way of thinking, to seek and implement new policies and educational programs, to promote a better and more fraternal lifestyle, and to create a new spirituality that will ground us in a life-giving relationship with God and with one another. In Ephesians Paul invites us to be imitators of God, to live in love. Like Elijah, we might be tempted to lay aside the challenges set before us. However, like Jesus, we must be willing to give of ourselves, of our very flesh, for the life of the world. Together with all people of good will we must search for the paths that will lead us to a better future.

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That like the prophet Elijah we might find the strength to address the challenges of our daily life, with a special concern for ecological issues, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That strengthened by the bread of heaven, the flesh of our brother Jesus, we might willingly give of ourselves for the life of the world, let us pray to the Lord....

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