

Integral Faith

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



Homily Helps and Petitions for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle C (June 12, 2022)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Proverbs 8: Thus says the wisdom of God: "The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth."

Psalms 8: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place — What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

Romans 5: ...hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16: Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

† Comments for the Day:

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to contemplate the mystery of God as three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. At the heart of God is the relationship among these three persons. As human beings created in the image and likeness of God, we too are created to be relational, and are called to be in right relationship with God, with each other, and with all of God's creation.

The reading from Proverbs reminds us that the wisdom of God was present before the universe was created, and poured into the earth before humans were made. The psalmist contemplates the heavens and is reminded of the vastness of the universe. He reflects on the immense honor and responsibility that God has bestowed on humans as stewards of creation.

The created world has value, not because of its usefulness to human beings, but by virtue of its being created by God. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are not separate from the rest of creation, but are joined in communion with it. It is our challenge, with the help of the Spirit, to undergo the profound interior conversion that Pope Francis speaks of, leading to generosity and good stewardship of all God's creation.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

We take [ecosystems] into account not only to determine how best to use them, but also because they have an intrinsic value independent of their usefulness. Each organism, as a creature of God, is good and admirable in itself; the same is true of the harmonious ensemble of organisms existing in a defined space and functioning as a system. Although we are often not aware of it, we depend on these larger systems for our own existence. (140)

‘The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast.’ For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. ... Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (217)

This conversion calls for a number of attitudes which together foster a spirit of generous care, full of tenderness. First, it entails gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God’s loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works. ... It also entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion. (220)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That in contemplating the wisdom of God, we might recognize our responsibility to all of God’s creation that is necessary to sustain life, let us pray to the Lord...

Option 2: That we might seek the profound inner conversion that will compel us to be generous and humble stewards of God’s creation, let us pray to the Lord...

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