

Integral Faith

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



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Homily Helps and Petitions for the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B (November 17, 2024)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Daniel 12: But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

Responsorial Psalm: I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Hebrews 10: he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Mark 13: And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gathers elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

† Comments for the Day:

Our readings from the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark are examples of apocalyptic literature. Both arise from communities that are experiencing present despair and future hope for their suffering people. The prophet Daniel, and others wrote down their visions and dreams of angels to encourage the faithful Jews and assure them that they would live forever, and escape their suffering. Both promise that their communities that they would live forever.

Jesus promises that his faithful Christians would see the Ancient of Days, God, and the Son of Man, Jesus, gather his chosen elect from the end of the earth and the end of the sky. Their suffering would end. But the faithful must be watching for another “end of time,” the Climate Crisis. Newspapers, TV news, magazines and other channels keep our harmful changing climate in our awareness. Jesus tells us to “Learn a lesson from the fig tree....” In a similar way, when you, see and hear of our fellow creatures going extinct, the land given over from producing crops to being cleared of rain forest to raise palm oil, and the earth drilled for oil, we must protest in any way we can. We don’t want to be witnesses to the end of our earth, our common home. The Earth Charter, commissioned by the UN, asked us to leave behind a period of self-destruction and make a new start, but we have not as yet developed a universal awareness needed to achieve this.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note: Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality: it comes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. Once the

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human being declares independence from reality and behaves with absolute dominion, the very foundations of our life begin to crumble...(117#)

Here, I would echo that courageous challenge: “As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. (207#)

Become aware Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might become aware of the UN Earth Charter and its principles and put them into practice, let us pray to the Lord ...

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Option 2: That we awaken to a sense reverence for all of life, us pray to the Lord ...

Again, address integral faith, ecology, and care for creation.

Further Resources

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