

Integral Faith

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



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Homily Helps and Petitions for the Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C (March 16, 2025)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

[**Genesis 15**]: ...the Lord made a covenant with Abram saying: “To your descendants I give this land from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

[**Psalms 27**]: Your presence, O Lord I seek. Hide not your face from me.

[**Philippians 3**] As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[**Luke 9**] Get up, do not be afraid...Do not tell anyone of the vision until the Son of Man rises from the dead.

† Comments for the Day:

Jesus gives Peter, James and John a vision of the glory that awaits him after suffering crucifixion and rising from the dead. His glory is the glory of the Son of God who sacrificed himself for the good of the world. This is not the glory of fame and power. It is the light of love for all humanity and God’s creation shining in his face. As Christians we are called to be a blessing to others and to the earth by working to restore our planet and relieve the suffering of those whose lives are blighted by climate change. This is a work of love. It isn’t easy, but it can lead to blessings for our common home for generations.

Passages from *Laudato Si’* to Note:

We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full. Jesus taught that attitude when he invited us to contemplate the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, or seeing the rich young man and knowing his restlessness, “he looked at him with love” *Mk 10:21*) He was completely present to everyone and everything, and in this way he showed us the way to overcome that unhealthy anxiety which makes us superficial, aggressive and compulsive consumers. (#226)

Passages from *Laudato Si’* to Note:

We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognized for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or

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the deterioration of our surroundings. Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society. (208)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we may show concern for the suffering of the poor and the earth, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That we restore our hope for the healing of our common home and inspire that hope in others, let us pray to the Lord ...

Further Resources

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