

Integral Faith

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



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Homily Helps and Petitions for the Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C (March 23, 2025)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

[Exodus 3]: God called out to him from the bush, “Moses, Moses.” He answered, “Here I am.”

[Responsorial Psalm 103]: Merciful and gracious is the Lord. Slow to anger and abounding kindness.

[1 Corinthians 10] ...All drank the same spiritual drink that was following them and the Rock was Christ.

“A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he came out looking for fruit on it, but did not find any.

† Comments for the Day:

Moses heard the voice of God and followed it. He accepted the mission given to him: leading the people to freedom. Moses trusted God and the rest of salvation history has unfolded over the centuries to this day. Jesus urges his disciples to reform. During Lent, *The Parable of the Fig Tree* inspires us to take Lent seriously – taking stock of our lives and make changes. A good Lenten practice is to heed Pope Francis’ plea to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to answer those cries by engaging in actions to care for our common home.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

An awareness of the gravity of today’s cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. ...and the mere amassing of things and pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart. . . . In ... countries which should be making the greatest changes in consumer habits, young people have an ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and they are making ...efforts to protect the environment. ...they have grown up in a milieu of extreme consumerism ...which makes it difficult to develop other habits. [#209].

The external deserts in the world are growing because the internal deserts have become so vast. ...the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. So what [is needed] is an “ecological conversion” whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. [#217]

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Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That like Moses, we may always to open to God’s call and like Moses respond – “Here I am.”... let us pray to the Lord.

Option 2: For those blinded by political biases and unable to respond to care for God’s creation ... let us pray to the Lord.

Further Resources

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