

Integral Faith

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



Catholic Climate Covenantsm
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Homily Resources and Petitions for the Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle C (March 30 2025)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Joshua 5: On the day after the Passover they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain...On that same day after Passover, the manna ceased.

Responsorial Psalm 34: Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.

2 Corinthians If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Luke 15: “This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and was found.”

† **Comment for the day:** The Israelites were lost in the wilderness after they left Egypt. Food was scarce, but God provided food for them in the form of the manna that appeared in the wilderness and the produce of the land. The younger son was lost in disgrace and hunger, but his loving father welcomed him home with a celebration of his reconciliation with the family and a fresh start in life. St. Paul writes that Christ has reconciled the world to himself. Lent is a time when we can become “Ambassadors for Christ,” by the way we live in Lent and beyond.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

...Good education plants seeds when we are young, and these continue to bear fruit throughout life... I would stress the great importance of the family, “the place in which life—the gift of God—can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life. In the family we learn how to show love and respect for life; ...we receive an integral education which enables us to grow in...personal maturity...we learn to ask without demanding, to say “thank you,” as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, c...These simple gestures ...help to create a culture shared life and respect for our surroundings. (#213)

...in the Holy Family stands the figure of St. Joseph...The Gospel presents Joseph as a just man, hard-working and strong...he also shows great tenderness...That is why he was proclaimed custodian of the universal Church. He too can teach us how to show care; inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us. (#242)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might always be ready to create the conditions to model care for God's creation... , let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: In gratitude for the many parents who teach their children to reverence God's gift of creation , let us pray to the Lord ...

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