

Integral Faith

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



Homily Helps and Petitions for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A (June 28, 2026)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

2 Kgs 4: Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way.

Psalm 89: I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord

Rom 6: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death ... we too might walk in newness of life.

Matt 10: Whoever loves mother or father more than me is not worthy of me.

† Comment for the day:

God's saving mercy is unending and boundless. Today's Scripture readings invite us to reflect on God's infinite love and to trust in it. In the first reading, God had mercy on the widow of Shunem and gave her a son because she was good to Elisha. He helped her to overcome the challenge of childlessness. In the face of the many challenges confronting us today, especially those highlighted by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, it is helpful to remember that God is in charge, and he will help us if we entrust our cause to him. The psalmist reminds us to join with creation in hymns of gratitude and praise. St. Paul notes how God's mercy is so much greater than our offenses, and so by entrusting ourselves to Christ, there is hope for reconciliation and healing in our broken world.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the radicality of discipleship. Total and exclusive loyalty and faithfulness from his followers. Loving Christ means loving and living according to the way of life he instructed. This includes a particular responsibility for both body and soul, for both the material and spiritual dimensions of this earthly life. We should not shirk this responsibility, though we could be tempted to do so in the face of the magnitude of the ecological and social crises confronting us today. If we walk in faith, confident of God's mercy and acknowledging before others his presence in our lives, he will intercede for us and sanctify our efforts on behalf of creation and the poor.

Homily Helps (cont.)

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself. ... The harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation as a whole was disrupted by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to acknowledge our creaturely limitations. (#65)

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We must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. (#67)

There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without an adequate anthropology. (#118)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: May we grow in our relationships with God, with one another and with all of God's creation, we pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That we may show our gratitude for God's saving mercy by how we show mercy to one another and how we care for God's creation, we pray to the Lord....

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