Integral Faith

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

Catholic Climate Covenant
Together for our Common Home

Homily Helps and Petitions for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B (December 6, 2026)

Homily Helps

† **Scripture Passages to Note:**

Isaiah 40: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Psalm 85: Justice and peace shall kiss.

2 Peter 3: According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Mark 1: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

† **Comments for the Day:**

Complacency is often produced by a sense of satisfaction. This is radically different from urgency, which is heightened by stress which can arise from a lack of basic human needs. Advent reminds us that God chose to empty himself in order to become one with us, but especially with those most in need, most vulnerable, who live on the margin.

That example of divine solidarity moves us during this time to examine ourselves and to seek to conform our way of living more closely with that of Christ. God's love is without conditions and without limits. During Advent, we can ask ourselves: What needs to be different in my life in order to live more closely with Christ?

By following Jesus' example, we announce to the world that we believe we truly are all one human family, for whom God created all that exists. Everything for everybody, and that includes our common home itself – a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.

When our lifestyle consumes and wastes more than we need, we are indeed denying what others need in order to thrive. A new heaven begins here and now with a new earth, witnessing the profound belief that we are all imbued with human dignity, no one worth more and no one worth less.

What better time than Advent to reexamine our lifestyle and our priorities in order to more genuinely foster the reign of God inaugurated by the Prince of Peace? Today, we are reminded how justice and peace are intertwined; that justice is understood as right relationships, and peace thrives when all are respected and appreciated.

In his new apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), Pope Francis shares his heightened concern stemming from our broken relationship with nature. He acknowledges that "Specific climate changes provoked by humanity are notably heightening the probability of extreme phenomena that are increasingly frequent and intense... "Our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together.'" (5, 3)

Personal, family, and community habits contribute to the process of transformation rising from deep within our society. Everything is connected – and no on is saved alone.

† **Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:**

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. (23)

But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey. (34)

The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. (48)

We have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*. (49)

We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference. (52)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That during this Advent season, we might grow in our concern to hear both the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, let us pray to the Lord …

Option 2: That during this Advent season, we might be more attentive to God's call to restore the earth according to the Creator's plan for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord….

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