

# Integral Faith

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



## Homily Helps and Petitions for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C (June 26, 2022)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture Passages to Note:

**1 Kings 19:** Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." ...Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

**Psalms 16:** Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge. O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

**Galatians 5:** For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another in love. ...For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

**Gospel of Luke 9:** [Jesus] resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem and he sent messengers ahead of him....but the Samaritans would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem... "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

#### † Comments for the Day:

In the readings for today, both Elijah and Jesus call others to a new way of life, one of discipleship and commitment. Elisha's commitment is shown by his slaughtering the oxen he needed in his former life as a farmer. Jesus demands that a disciple forego the burial of his parent—the most sacred duty of all for Jews—to follow him. These two men were invited to choose the difficult path of discipleship in order to love more freely.

Today, Pope Francis urges us to cultivate the discipline necessary to develop whatever abilities we have so that we can likewise better serve our sisters and brothers. And this includes doing our part to promote environmental justice for all, especially the poor and vulnerable who are most impacted by climate change and yet have contributed least to the problem.

In this way, we can promote a healthier life for not only those around us, but for the entire human family – and for the earth that is our common home.

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

We must continue to be aware that, regarding climate change, there are *differentiated responsibilities*. As the U.S. bishops have said, greater attention must be given to "the needs of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests." (52)

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Judeo-Christian thought...emphasizes all the more our human responsibility for nature. This rediscovery of nature can never be at the cost of the freedom and responsibility of human beings who, as part of the world, have the duty to cultivate their abilities in order to protect it and develop its potential. (78)

Yet we can once more broaden our vision. We have the freedom needed to limit and direct technology; we can put it at the service of another type of progress, one which is healthier, more human, more social, more integral. Liberation from the dominant technocratic paradigm does in fact happen sometimes. (112)

Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. (231)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** That we might receive the grace to prioritize Jesus' call to share in the work of announcing the kingdom to all creation, let us pray to the Lord...

**Option 2:** That the grace of God will compel us to be disciples, especially in responding to the call of Pope Francis to care for God's creation, let us pray to the Lord...

### Further Resources

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