

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 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle C (June 30 2019)

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 they 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...."No one who sets his hand to the plow and looks to what is left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

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)

Freedom fades when it is handed over to the blind forces of the unconscious, of the immediate needs of self-interest, and of violence. (#105)

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)

† Comment 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 foregoes the burial of his parent—the most sacred duty of all for Jews—to follow him. These two disciples were invited to choose the hardship of discipleship in order to love more freely. Pope Francis urges us to cultivate the discipline necessary to develop whatever abilities we have so that we can better serve our brothers and sisters. In this way we can have a part in a healthier life for the human family and for the earth that is our common home.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

Option 1: For the grace to place the call of Our Lord Jesus at the first place in our lives, so that we may share in his work of announcing the kingdom to all creation, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That the grace of God may enliven all our efforts to as disciples, especially as we strive to respond to the call of Pope Francis to care for the Earth, let us pray to the Lord....

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