

Integral Faith

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



Homily Resources and Petitions for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B (21 October 2018)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

1 Samuel – Because of his affliction he shall see the light in the fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Hebrews – For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

Mark – Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all..

† Comment for the day:

The theme that runs through the readings for this weekend is that, despite difficulties, we are invited by our faith to work for the “justification” of those around us. Our high priest is able to sympathize with us because he too faced tests in his ministry. Yet he remained faithful to his mission to the end, that of proclaiming and establishing the Kingdom of God in our midst. The attitude that we are called to imitate is that of a servant, someone who is willing to serve and not be concerned with position or power.

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis repeatedly invites us and all people to the process of dialogue in order to address the problems that we face in our world today, especially those of ecological destruction and increasing poverty. The Pope is concerned with the well-being of all God’s creatures, and he calls for a spirit of solidarity and generosity to work for the common good. No individual and no nation should be concerned only about their individual well-being. Rather, all are convoked to work together for the good of all. The gravity of our situation demands such a response from everyone.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

...now we shall try to outline the major paths of dialogue which can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us (#163).

What is needed, in effect, is an agreement on systems of governance for the whole range of so-called “global commons” (#174).

Here I would state once more that the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics. But I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good (#188).

The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which requires patience, self-discipline and generosity... (#201).

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might model our lives on the example of Jesus, who generously made himself servant of all, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That we might cultivate the virtues of patience, self-discipline and generosity, so as to address courageously the environmental and social crises we are facing, let us pray to the Lord....

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