

Integral Faith

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



Catholic Climate Covenant™
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Homily Helps and Bulletin Notices for the Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C (March 13, 2022)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Genesis 15: Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited him as an act of righteousness.

Psalm 27: I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.

[Philippians 3]: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

[Luke 9]: Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

† Comments for the Day:

The scriptures for this Sunday are centered on faith. Abram had given up on God's promise to make him and Sarai the ancestors of a great nation. God reminds him of that promise through the shining stars in the night sky. Abram still struggles to believe. Rather than responding to his lack of trust with anger, God gives him further help by creating an awesome covenant ritual that signifies the divine presence with fire. Thus God meets Abram in his doubts and helps him to receive the gift of faith that counts as righteousness which is trust that God's promise will come about.

In his letter, Paul strengthens the faith of the Philippians through his steadfast example of fidelity to Jesus who is to glorify our human bodies. In the gospel, the apostles, like Abraham, were given a vision of the light that Jesus brings into the world. They had to wake up to realize who Jesus truly is.

Today, Pope Francis is trying to wake up the world to the realities of climate change. Sadly, there are too many who, as Paul writes, are occupied with trivial things. Too many, even among those of faith, ignore the destruction that is being wrought on our common home. Pope Francis and other religious leaders are trying to keep faith in God's love for the earth and the possibility of reversing the tide of destruction. Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* Action Platform aims at mobilizing the entire church to heal the planet. Many organizations, like the Catholic Climate Covenant and Green Faith, give people a way to work together for healing the earth as well as strengthen their faith in God – and in each other.

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† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. (13)

faith convictions can offer Christians, and some other believers as well, ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters. (64)

Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (91)

God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. *Praise be to him.* (245)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might nurture our faith in God's presence and love in our world, including through His earthly creation, let us pray to the Lord...

Option 2: That we might wake up to the reality of our call to heal the earth and to alleviate the suffering caused by climate change, let us pray to the Lord...

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