

# Integral Faith

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



## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Feast of the Holy Family Cycle C (30 December 2018)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Psalm 84:2-3:** Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord. How lovely is your dwelling place.... My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Luke 2:48-49, 51:** 'Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.' ... 'Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' He went down to them and came to Nazareth.

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

"A rise in the sea level ... can create extremely serious situations if we consider that a quarter of the world's population lives on the coast or nearby, and that the majority of our megacities are situated in coastal areas." (#24)

"We are conscious of the disproportionate and unruly growth of many cities that have become unhealthy to live in. ... We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature." (#44)

"Lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience.... 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)

"In some countries, there are positive examples of environmental improvement.... These achievements show that men and women are still capable of intervening positively. For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love." (#58)

"The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder. ... 'Lift up your eyes and see how the fields are ...'" (#97)

#### † Comment for the day:

Jesus returned to Nazareth with his family. There he lived in a country town in a simple house. There Jesus grew to appreciate the house of his Father greater than the Temple in Jerusalem, the Temple of

creation. He learned to hear his Father speak through both the Book of the Scriptures and the Book of Nature.

### † **Related Prayers of the Faithful**

**Option 1:** For the grace to deepen our understanding of family, let us pray to the Lord ....

**Option 2:** In gratitude for the gifts of our immediate, extended, and global families, let us pray to the Lord ....

### † **Sample Bulletin Notice**

**WE ARE EACH PART OF A FAMILY.** Ideally we strive to make our family a blessing for each member; we contribute to its common good. Many have strong ties to their extended families and feel the sufferings experienced by other family members as their own. Some enlarge this concern to include our entire human family. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis asks us to understand our relationship with the entire world as St. Francis did: “St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.” (#1) The Pope urges us to feel intimately united with all that exists within our common home. For many of us, this way of thinking about the world is quite novel. However, for mystics such as St. Francis of Assisi, the simple act of taking in a breath—breathing in the world around us—was a reminder of our bond with all creation. This insight points us to the great sacrament of communion, whereby we receive the Body of Christ and thereby grow into our membership in God's family.

## Further Resources

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