

Integral Faith

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



Homily Resources and Petitions for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B (5 August 2018)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Exodus: ...the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?” for they did not know what it was.

Ephesians: ...put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Alleluia: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

John: ...the bread of life is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world... “I am the bread of life.”

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

It would hardly be helpful to describe symptoms without acknowledging the human origin of the ecological crisis. ...I propose that we focus on the dominant technocratic paradigm and the place of human beings and of human action in the world. (#101).

...our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience. (#105).

† Comment for the day:

In the book of Exodus, the author notes that the Israelites do not recognize the manna and ask: “What is this?” In their honest questioning they are able to understand God’s work in their lives and discover ways to live their covenant relationship with God and one another. In Chapter 3 of *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis encourages all humanity to raise those questions which will allow us to perceive the current situation in which we find ourselves, and to recognize how it points to the human roots of the ecological crisis.

We are exhorted in Ephesians to “put on the new self,” which is created in the “holiness of truth”. In his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate*, the Pope reflects on the meaning of holiness. He

comments that: “Holiness...is not about swooning in mystic rapture.” Rather, it is about caring for those in need and addressing the major problems that plague our world, like the environmental crisis.

Jesus is the bread of life, and in partaking of this bread we are invited to become like Jesus, caring for all our sisters and brothers, and aware of our responsibility to the earth, our common home.

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we become increasingly aware of our responsibility to one another and to our planet, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That we recognize our responsibility for the ecological crisis that we face, both as individuals and as a society, let us pray to the Lord....

Further Resources

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