

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 B (31 December 2017)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Sirach 3: God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Psalm 128: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

Colossians 3: And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

Luke 2: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel."

† Comment for the day:

Following closely on Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the crucial role of relationship in our lives. The Word of God became incarnate on this earth and chose to dwell within the human family of Mary and Joseph. Their example underlines the family values raised in the reading from Sirach: honor and authority. Paul echoes the call to put on love and to live in peace. And today's psalm tells us that those who walk in the ways of the Lord will be able to eat of the fruit of their own handiwork.

Chapter 2 of *Laudato si'* underscores the importance of safeguarding our relationships. Pope Francis notes that in Scripture human life is grounded in three relationships: with God, with others, and with the earth. And he emphasizes how everything is interconnected. In that light, genuine fraternity, justice and faithfulness to one another is inseparable from care for creation, the common home that we all share. More, God is the moving force in all of creation. The Spirit of God has filled the earth with possibilities, allowing new things to emerge. We need to shoulder our responsibility to participate in the life and creative work of God in our world. Like Simeon in the Gospel, we are called to announce the light of God with our wounded world.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

[The creation accounts in the book of Genesis] suggest that human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself. (#66)

Homily Helps (cont.)

† Passages from Laudato Si' to note (cont.):

The ancient [Biblical] stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to one another. (#70)

Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. (#77)

The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and, therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge... (#80)

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