

# Integral Faith

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



## Homily Helps and Petitions for the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Cycle A (8 March 2020)

### Homily Helps

#### † Comment for the day:

Culture is like the land on which we live. If it is the only land we know, we tend to take it for granted and do not consider alternatives. It traps us in a certain way of thinking. Consider the technocratic culture which dominates our times. It can trap us in a fixed way of thinking and fixed way of life. Faith that trusts in God can enable us to travel beyond the boundaries of our culture so that we can see more clearly what is dominating us and our mindset. Lent is a time to leave the land in which we find ourselves – a time to go out into a desert place and allow God to change our thinking. Then the actions that flow from our thinking can change, as well. We must die to what we know and allow God to create in us a new perspective.

The apostles underwent such an experience when they went up the mountain with Jesus. Their first thought after the transfiguration was to erect three tents, to set up shop on the mountain. The perspective of Jesus, the one on whom the favor of God rested, was to descend from the mountain and continue the proclamation of the Kingdom throughout the world. Pope Francis throughout *Laudato Si'* invites us to be aware of the signs of the times around us, to dialogue with all those who respond, so as to find workable solutions to the ills that afflict us.

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Genesis 12:** The Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."

**Psalm response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us as we have placed our trust in you.

**2 Timothy 1:** Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life...through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**Matthew 17:** Jesus led Peter James and John up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

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

[The technocratic paradigm] is based on the falsehood that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry beyond every limit. It is the false notion that an

## Homily Helps (cont.)

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

infinite quantity of energy and resources are available, that it is possible to renew them quickly and that the negative effects of the exploitation of the natural order can be easily absorbed. (#106)

Technological products are not neutral, for they create a framework that ends up conditioning lifestyles and shaping social possibilities along the lines dictated by the interests of certain powerful groups. (#107)

The idea of promoting a different cultural paradigm and employing technology as a mere instrument is nowadays inconceivable. (#108)

In the concrete situation confronting us there are a number of symptoms that point to what is wrong, such as environmental degradation, anxiety, a loss of the purpose of life and of community living. (#110)

## Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** That all of us may have the courage to follow where God leads us, even if it means leaving behind what is comfortable and familiar, let us pray to the Lord....

**Option 2:** As we travel the journey of Lent, may we be ever open to the grace of conversion in our daily lives, let us pray to the Lord....

## Further Resources

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