

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy*

*Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

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REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Today's Gospel challenges us to examine the limits of our own expectations about who Jesus is and what he can do for us. It challenges us to expand our own expectations of others and allow them the space to be who God is helping them become.



God always offers everything we need to come to salvation; it is for us to recognize and receive it. The shock of the Gospel is the weight that our faith or lack of faith has. God never pushes salvation on us; it is a faithful gift,

but one freely given and only asking of us a free response. Jesus "was not able" to perform miracles in his hometown because of the townspeople's lack of faith. Shockingly, God never quits on us or abandons us; it is we who choose to resist or have faith. It is we who choose... is Jesus able to perform any mighty deed or not?

Words to reflect upon: it is we who choose

Ways to Help the Planet

* **Don't Rinse** Skip rinsing dishes before using your dishwasher and save up to 20 gallons of water each load. Plus, you are saving time and the energy used to heat the additional water.

* **Recycle Glass** Recycled glass reduces related air pollution by 20% and related water pollution by 50%. If it isn't recycled, it can take a million years to decompose.



Laudato Si (Praised Be)

Why is **Laudato Si** getting so much attention from the world's journalists? Because it is on the right topic, at the right time and, especially, by the right person. Admired, respected and even loved all over the world, Francis has an ability to communicate in simple language that average people can understand. He writes more like a journalist than an academic. Anyone who can read a newspaper can read this encyclical and get something out of it.



What do you think? Have you read any part of it? If not, you belong to a rapidly diminishing minority... So, get in there and *Google it!*



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Laudato Si' (Praised Be)

"In 1971, Blessed Pope Paul VI, stressed "the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity", inasmuch as "the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man". [4]

"Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet...[9] ...Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which "entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion".[17] As Christians, we are also called "to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbors on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet". [8]

"The News"

by Edwina Gateley

Into the candlelit contentment
of my sitting room,
where the shadowy ambiance
gentles all sharp edges,
I sit to rest awhile.
The world news explodes
from the solid box
that connects me
to all corners of the globe.
And then I know
that I cannot hide,
and I am not, after all,
alone.
The world is tumbling
into my private space.
For there they are—
a constant stream
of God's beloved—
bombed out and dying
in distant ravaged places.
I see from my couch
the lines of refugees—
their gaunt faces
hungry and despairing.
Here they are,
right here!
casting their dark shadows
on my nice candlelit walls—
intruding on my security
and my serenity.
And I must gather them in
and hold them.
For this TV
is now my crucifix...
and upon it hangs Jesus,
with every nation
imprinted on His face,
each one daring me
to fall upon my knees
in brutal,
redeeming consciousness—
beseeching mercy,
peace and love
in the midst
of it all.



Saint Francis of Assisi

I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive and compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. **Praised Be [10]**

"The entire material universe speaks of God's love,
his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains:
everything is, as it were, a caress of God." **Laudato Si' [84]**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
1 Timothy 2:1

Let us pray together today for the chronically ill: Sylvia Tasner, Jerry and Albert Vega, Fr. Vega, Rudy & Sonia Méndez, **Maggie and Don Maziarz** and Peter and Leida Fiorito.

*please
pray for
the sick*

May a more intense prayer rise from all our hearts this week for all the peoples who continue to be hurt and convulsed by terrorism and war. May the light of our prayer extend even to those who gravely offend God and man by these pitiless acts, that they may see the evil of what they do, abandon all violent intentions and seek forgiveness.

Genesis tells us that humankind was called to
"till and keep" the earth. Francis tells us "we have done too
much tilling and not enough keeping".

peace prayer

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me, my family,
my friends, my co-workers.
Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is, "Accept the person I am. Listen to me."
Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me— the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.
Teach me to listen, O God my Mother, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside — in the deepest part of me.
Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for your voice — in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence.
Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen.

-John Veltri, SJ