

Thank God for His Handiwork

Prayer and Petition

Our Loving God, great Mystery,
your ways are not our ways.
Your kindness and love are
lavished equally upon all and
guide all creation.

Teach us to welcome your
mercy toward others even as
we hope to receive your
mercy ourselves.

Teach us to love and care for
all creation wisely and well. It
is your gift to us all.

We ask this through Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

*That we may come together
to thank God for the
magnificent handiwork of his
creation and show our
gratitude by serving him as
stewards of this earth,
promoting justice and peace
for all here now and for the
generations to come,*

We pray to the Lord.



Reflection on the Scripture

Today's reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts and ways transcend our own, inviting humility and a recognition of God's compassion. Isaiah shows us that God has given us the ability for conversion. We can achieve ecological conversion and preserve God's creation through our faith, if we forsake our ways that harm creations.

St. Paul tells us to "conduct [our]selves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." This devotion to honor Christ resonates with today's Gospel, where the emphasis lies in God's graciousness that transcends our understanding of fairness. Ecological conversion, that is, doing our part to help save God's creation, is a perfect example of conducting ourselves in a way worthy of Christ.

The vineyard owner in today's parable raised everyone up to the same level, the very nature of justice and equality. What if we had a society that raised everyone up and empowered everyone? How can the parable of the vineyard owner help develop our perspective to work for the common good Pope Francis' reminds of us in *Laudato Si'*?

Laudato Si' Action Plan Update

Parishioner suggestions for ways we, individually and collectively, can move towards sustainability, following the principles of integral ecology, have been collected and organized in "**St. Ignatius Parish, Laudato Si' Action Plan.**"

The LSAP Writing Team would like to hear from you before the final version is released. **Please submit your comments and suggestions to Strad Engler by September 29, 2023.** We're especially interested in ways to make this draft easy to access, clear, and attractive.

Tips and Activities: Ecological Economics

Ecological Economics acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere—our common home.

- Learn about **circular economies**—a model of production and consumption which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, and recycling existing material and products for as long as possible.
- Support efforts of Boston College students and alumni to **divest of fossil fuel investment.**
- Learn about and support **BC's Every Bite Counts**, a student volunteer group that helps donate food to more than 40 nonprofits in the Boston Area.
- Participate and support efforts of the **St. Ignatius Racial Justice and Immigration Commissions** that prioritize the care of labor and protects the dignity of the worker.

Community: On Sunday, Sept. 24, join 1 of 3 walks offered by members of the Green Team – 8:30, 10, or 11:30am. Explore the Pine Tree Preserve next to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

Families/Individuals: Go on a G(Awed) Walk! Take a walk in nature, praying **St. Francis of Assisi's Canticale of the Creatures**. Be sure to pay particular attention to the different birds you see.