

2021 Earth Week Mass Celebrating Creation

April 17, 2021

St. James-St. Leo Catholic Community



Presider: Most Reverend Bishop Robert W. McElroy

Bishop of San Diego

Concelebrants: Father Gerard Lecomte CJM,

Father Emmet Farrell,

Deacon Peter Hodsdon

Welcome: Christine Lang, Principal, St. James Academy

Gathering Song: *God of Wonders*

Reading: Genesis 1:27-31; 2:15

Jorge Fernandez-Velasco

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day....The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 118 *This Day was Made by the Lord!*

¡Este día fue creado por el Señor! ¡Alegrémonos! Este día fue hecho por el Señor, ¡regocijémonos en la salvación!

Alleluia (sung)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:15-21

Lectura del Evangelio según San Lucas:

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a la multitud: “Eviten toda clase de avaricias, porque la vida del hombre no depende de la abundancia de los bienes que posea”. Después les propuso esta parábola: “Un hombre rico tuvo una gran cosecha y se puso a pensar: ‘¿Qué haré, porque no tengo ya en dónde almacenar la cosecha?. Ya sé lo que voy a hacer: derribaré mis graneros y construiré otros más grandes para guardar ahí mi cosecha y todo lo que tengo. Entonces podré decirme: Ya tienes bienes acumulados para muchos años; descansa, come, bebe y date a la buena vida’. Pero Dios le dijo: ‘¡Insensato! Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Para quién serán todos tus bienes?’. Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios”.

Palabra de Dios.

All: Te alabamos, Señor

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Por la Santa Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo; por los líderes de nuestra Iglesia, especialmente por el Papa Francisco y el Obispo McElroy; y por todos los ministros del Evangelio. Roguemos al Señor. **Señor, escucha nuestra oración.**

Por los líderes de todas las naciones, que promueven la vida, la paz y la justicia, y trabajan juntos para el bien de todos. Roguemos al Señor. **Señor, escucha nuestra oración.**

Por esta temporada de Pascua, que todos compartamos el gozo de la resurrección de Cristo. Roguemos al Señor. **Señor, escucha nuestra oración.**

Por nuestra comunidad católica de San Diego, que demostremos nuestro amor hacia el don de la creación de Dios al actuar de palabra y obra para sanar el sufrimiento de los pobres y de la tierra. Roguemos al Señor. **Señor, escucha nuestra oración.**

For the newly baptized and confirmed, and those received into full communion with the Catholic Church, that they may continue to grow with this community in worship and service. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, suffering, homeless, or struggling with any hardship, that they may find healing and comfort and feel God's presence in their lives. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who have died in your mercy, that they may be welcomed into the light of God. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the intentions written in our parish book of prayer and for those we hold in our hearts. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song: *Oración de San Francisco*

Holy Holy/Memorial Acclamation/Great Amen (prayed)

Lord's Prayer (prayed)

Lamb of God (prayed)

Communion Song: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Speaker: Creation Care Team, Diocese of San Diego

Recessional Song: *Pescador de Hombres*

A Prayer for our Earth

Pope Francis, *Laudati Si: On Care for Our Common Home*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out
upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this
earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we
may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of
those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank
you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Greeters: Evangely Ward; St. James-St. Leo Youth Ministry

God Of Wonders (ASL): Joshua, Therese, Bella; St. James Academy

Cross and Candle Bearers: Ben, Eva, Andy; St. James Academy

Prayers of the Faithful: Chris, Eva, Andy, Leah, Isaac; St. James Academy

Music Ministry: Anne Marie Oldham (Director/Piano/Vocals); Danielle Pompeo (Cantor); Josh Urich (Guitar/Vocals)

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