



STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION & ECO-THOUGHT
YEAR B – LENT

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture Reflection

"I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you." (Gen 9.9)
By your baptism, you have entered into a covenant with the Lord Jesus. With him you are crucified. With him, you are raised up. In Christ we have the power to crucify sin and to raise the world up to new life.

Eco-Thought

We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.
~Thomas Fuller, Gnomologia, 1732

Water plays a significant part in our spiritual lives, and an equally vital part in our daily lives. Be vigilant about how you use water. Spend less time in the shower, less time shaving, letting the taps run, and watering the lawn in summer. With many cities facing water rationing, start sooner than later in your water conservation initiatives.

Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture Reflection

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?(Rom 8.32)
Paul is asking us a rhetorical question. In the gift of Jesus, the Father gave us a share in his divinity. God's gifts are lavish; let us marvel in the abundance bestowed upon us!

Eco-Thought

We could have saved the Earth but we were too [darn] cheap.
~ Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Everything we have in our lives is a gift from God. Show your acceptance of God's gifts by taking care of what you have and teaching those around you to do the same. Buying less is one way to be a good steward of what has been given to you. Reduce your impact on the environment by reducing your consumption.

Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture Reflection

"You shall not make for yourself an idol." (Ex 20.4)

What drives you? Recognition? Beauty? Wealth? Power? Success? Approval? Security? Let us worship neither signs nor wisdom. Proclaim Christ crucified, lest even good things become idols for you.

Eco-Thought

When we heal the earth, we heal ourselves.

~ David Orr

Technology is a gift from God that expresses human creativity and ingenuity. Consider whether you really need the latest and greatest—use what you have a little longer before you upgrade. Avoid throw away your gadgets. Recycle or even better, give your old technology a new home with someone who can use it.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Scripture Reflection

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Eph 2.10)

This middle Sunday of Lent begins with the word Laetare! or 'Rejoice!' in order to encourage us in our increased works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this penitential season. Do not lose heart. It is for good works that we are made.

Eco-Thought

Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites.

~ William Ruckelshaus, Business Week, 18 June 1990

Lent challenges us to consider what we truly can live without. In addition to the spiritual benefit, fasting can also help the environment. Fasting from fast food results in less fast food garbage, and less calories consumed. Fasting from shopping cultivates an attitude of gratitude for what we already have and leaves us with more money to give to the poor.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Reflection

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. (Jeremiah 31. 33b)

The new covenant of the Lord cannot be broken; it has been cut deep into our hearts. Discipleship is not something we do but a way of being.

Eco-Thought

Don't blow it - good planets are hard to find.

~ Quoted in Time

Being a good steward of the environment is not something we take on for a short while or only when other people are looking. As part of discipleship, care for the environment is something we need to be doing all the time. Train yourself to consider the environmental impact of everything you do.

Passion Sunday

Scripture Reflection

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2.5)

Jesus sacrificed himself for the salvation of humankind. Discipleship demands that we put our ego aside and offer ourselves in service to others.

Eco-Thought

Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by What is above him when he shows no mercy to what is under him?

~ Pierre Troubetzkoy

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