



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Week 4 September 25, 2022 23rd.Sunday of Ordinary Time

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 2022

Week 4—Luke 16:19-31

Laudato Si’ Calls Us to Appreciate the Gifts of Creation

“Take a contemplative walk in a forest or by the sea and take in the view with your eyes. Take a dip in the sea or go for a barefoot walk in the sand or the grass and feel the sensations through your body. Sit in your garden or in a park and smell the flowers and listen to the bees hum and the birds sing. Download an App to your smart phone to help you identify the plants that surround you or the species of birds singing in the trees beside you. Listen to the voice of creation. “

Finbarr Keaveney

The poet exclaims:

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with
God,
But only he who sees takes off his
shoes;”

(Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

We are mindful that many areas of the earth are suffering. Consider a donation to flood victims in Puerto Rico and Pakistan.

In today’s Gospel the rich man fails to hear the Cry of the Poor and misses the opportunity to help the poor man Lazarus. On this 4th week of the Season of Creation we remember that the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth are inextricably linked. In “Laudato Si” Pope Francis tells us: *“the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters” (LS2).*

When we ,the rich nations, abuse Mother Earth and her resources it is the poor nations who suffer the most. (Taken from reflection by Finbarr Keaveney)

Personal Reflection—Mary Ann Sliwa, SSJ

Let us contemplate the Gospel by considering ourselves as the Rich Man receiving the fruits and vegetables from his luscious gardens, the Good Earth that God has provided for this bountiful harvest. What wonderful meals! Unlike the rich man, I give whatever is needed to my brothers and sisters who are waiting to be fed because they do not have the resources to provide for themselves!

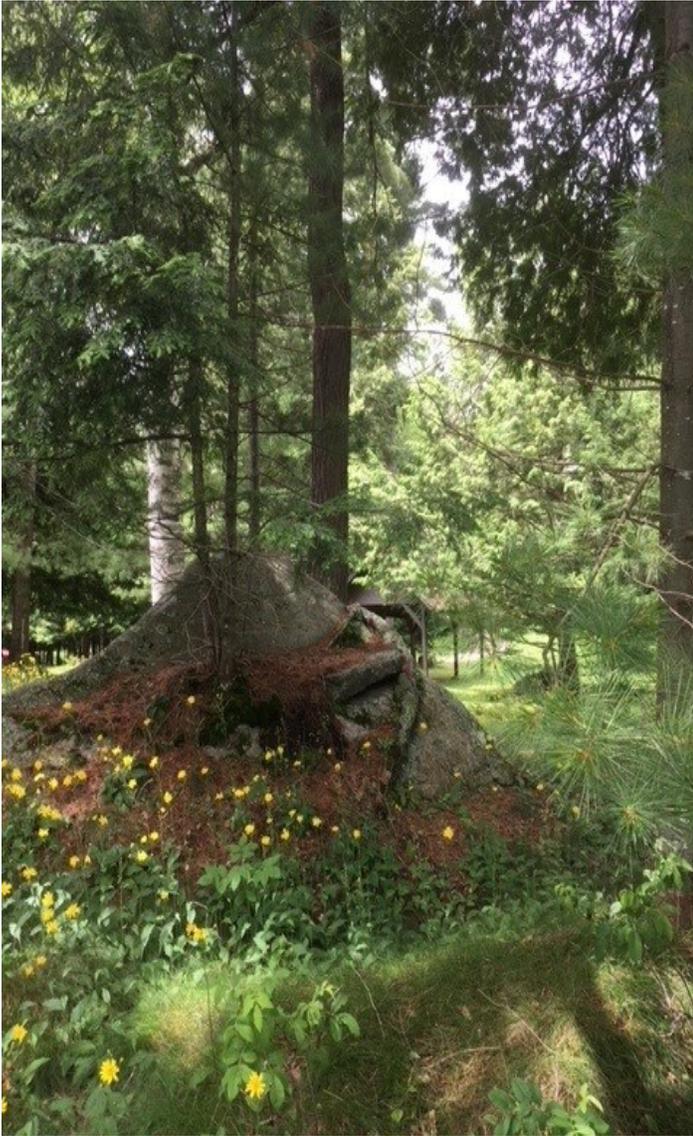
Laudato Si Reflections

“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” (LS 84).

- “To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God’s love and hope”. (LS 85)

- “If we approach Nature and the environment without this openness to Awe and Wonder, if we no longer speak the language of Fraternity and Beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters” (LS 11)

- “Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.” (LS 92)



Walking Uplifts the Spirit

Breathe out the poisons of tension,
stress and worry. Breathe in
the power of God.

Send forth little silent prayers of
goodwill toward those you meet.
Walk with a sense of being a part
of a vast universe.

Consider the thousands of miles of
Earth beneath your feet, think of
The limitless expanse of space
above your head.

Walk in awe, wonder and humility.

Walk all times of the day. In the
Early morning when the world is
Just waking up. Late at night
Under the stars.

Wilferd Peterson

SSJ Laudato Si Actions Goal 1

Purchased shares in a solar farm to support our energy usage and will track the results as well as expand our efforts.

Preserved 40 acres of our property for wetlands offering a habitat for local wildlife

Eliminated the use of plastic water bottles and other single use plastics and styrofoam in our motherhouse.

Planted milkweed to attract butterflies and raise honeybees on 2 local sites.