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August 7th, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 12: 32-48

Reflection: "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Pope Francis' encyclical, ***Laudato Si'*** challenges all people to care for Earth, our Common Home. The Earth is our treasure. Earth is suffering from the harm done by we humans. We have lost touch with this treasure. Jesus Christ is God's Word become flesh. In becoming flesh, God became part of the matter of the universe, bestowing blessing on all of creation. God rejoices and celebrates the diversity of all life. We rejoice and celebrate God in the interconnectedness and diversity of all life. By growing in appreciation of this treasure, we grow in love for God and each other.

Fact File: Biodiversity is the variety of all living things; the different plants, animals and micro organisms, the genetic information they contain and the ecosystems they form. Biodiversity is usually explored at three levels - genetic diversity, species diversity and ecosystem diversity. These three levels work together to create the complexity of life on Earth. Source: Australian Museum. http://goo.gl/HqHOqF

Learn More: Contact your local Council and ask them for a list of the local flora and fauna species.

Take Action: September is Biodiversity Month. Join the Habitat Stepping Stones project and work to maintain and increase the local biodiversity. Pope Francis also declared September 1st a Day of Prayer for Creation. Join as a family, group, parish in prayer on that day. Make your actions a prayer.

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