



Let Justice and Peace Flow

A Mighty River

Amos 5:24

Season of Creation – Week 1

Scriptures

Jeremiah 20:-9 • Psalm 63:2-9 • Romans: 12:1-2 • Matthew 16:21-27

This week's scriptures raise the call to justice, challenging us to accept our responsibility in love to proclaim God's burning prophetic Word in these times of social and environmental crisis.

At Saint Anne

Over the course of these five weeks, Saint Anne parishioners are invited to pick up a river rock in the Gathering Space and write upon it a word or phrase that reflects their commitment to actions that care for creation. Individuals can lay their rocks along the "river" and be a part of the cascading impact that we create for justice and peace.



"Praise be you my Lord, through Sister Water..."

(St. Francis of Assisi - Canticle of the Creatures)

The Season of Creation...

...is a relatively new Liturgical Season for Catholics as we join the 30-year ecumenical history of the celebration. It extends from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this Season our prayers, homilies, music, and environment remind us of our baptismal call to work for justice, not only for humans, but for all creation.

This year's theme: Let Justice and Peace Flow...

...“**Let Justice and Peace Flow**” is inspired by the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (Amos 5:24). **Justice**, allied with peace, calls us to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. **Righteousness** demands that we live in peace, not conflict with our human neighbors, and build right relationships with all of creation. **Peace** involves not only the absence of conflict but positive, life-giving relationships with God, within ourselves, with our human neighbors, and with all creation. We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family, or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.