

This Fragile Earth Our Island Home

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL LENTEN POTLUCK PROGRAM as we think about how and why we should engage issues related to the environment and climate change. Here are the weekly topics for our Wednesday nights during Lent:

Wednesday, February 17: *Our Planet in Peril: Transforming the Narrative with Dr. Paul Robinson*

Humanity is beginning to discover that the earth is more fragile and vulnerable than ever before imagined, and is increasingly threatened by humanity's impact on it. Drawing from stories and experiences of communities from around the world, this reflection will explore the why and how we, as a community of faith, are called to respond to the environmental challenges facing our island home.

Wednesday, February 24: *This Sacred Circle with The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher*

Through story-telling Bishop Gallagher will share about how Native People engage environmentalism, highlighting customary responses and perspectives. She'll also share examples of the work other churches are doing to protect *this fragile earth our island home*.

Wednesday, March 2: *Home ReSource Presents: Reuse for the planet and piety*

Join Executive Director Katie Deuel and learn about reuse practices and other programs offered by Home ReSource of Missoula. Hear from our own parishioner Jesse Jaeger (board member at Home ReSource) as he reflects on the connection between his commitment to building materials reuse and his faith.

Wednesday, March 9: *The Roots of Creation Care in the Christian Tradition with Dan Spencer*

In this conversation, Dan Spencer will discuss the roots of honoring and caring for creation in the Christian Tradition. Starting with a photograph—meditation on Genesis, together we'll explore the foundations for care of the earth in Scripture, church tradition, and contemporary church teachings. We'll look at the ambiguous legacy of creation care in Christianity, what theologian Elizabeth Johnson has termed "Losing and Finding Creation in the Christian Tradition." We'll discuss biblical and theological sources to support active care for creation and a range of contemporary practices congregations can engage.

Wednesday, March 16: *Laudato Si—Entering the Conversation of Ecology and Spirituality with Father Joseph Carver*

Join Father Carver from St. Francis Xavier Church as he shares about Pope Francis' recent Encyclical on *Caring for Our Common Home*. Learn about what the Pope said and why it is important for all of us.

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2016 LENTEN SERIES:

Join us for Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning February 17

- Potluck Supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Childcare provided, beginning at 7 p.m.
- Program begins in the church at 7:15 p.m.

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