

World Water Day 2022

All Welcome! This webinar is co-sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, and the Sisters of Mercy. Following an opening prayer offered by Fr. John Michalowski, Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Catholic Church in Charlotte.

The webinar will feature two presentations:

- 1) **CRS's Response to Global Water Issues** by Dr. David Tsetse, CRS Global Lead on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Environment; and
- 2) **Water Issue Concerns in the Carolinas, with a Focus on the Catawba River Basin** by Sr. Rose Marie Tresp, RSM.

When: Tuesday, March 22nd at 7pm EST **Where:** Zoom

Register here to receive the event link: <https://bit.ly/WaterDay22>



Celebrating World Water Day 2022

Please join us to discuss the necessity, benefit and impact of water around the world. Speakers from Catholic Relief Services and the Sisters of Mercy will address global and local water issues and how communities, in partnership with the US Catholic Church, are responding to ensure equitable access to clean water.

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Upcoming Events

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The Mission of Greener Lent is to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter by focusing our prayer, fasting and almsgiving on the poor who are first and most affected by the climate crisis through a community Lenten fast. In keeping with Catholic tradition of abstaining from meat on certain days during Lent, we reduce our environmental impact by reducing our own meat consumption and as a sign of repentance, true inner conversion of heart, and love of our neighbors in the poorest areas of our world.



Greener Lent is a community lenten fasting program focused on justice for the poor who are most affected by climate degradation. By reducing meat consumption, especially beef, together, we substantially reduce our personal environmental impact. Join us, and weekly you will see the impact that your parish and other Catholic churches are having on carbon emissions.

We are called.

Learn more or sign up today at:
greenerlent.org



Greener + Lent

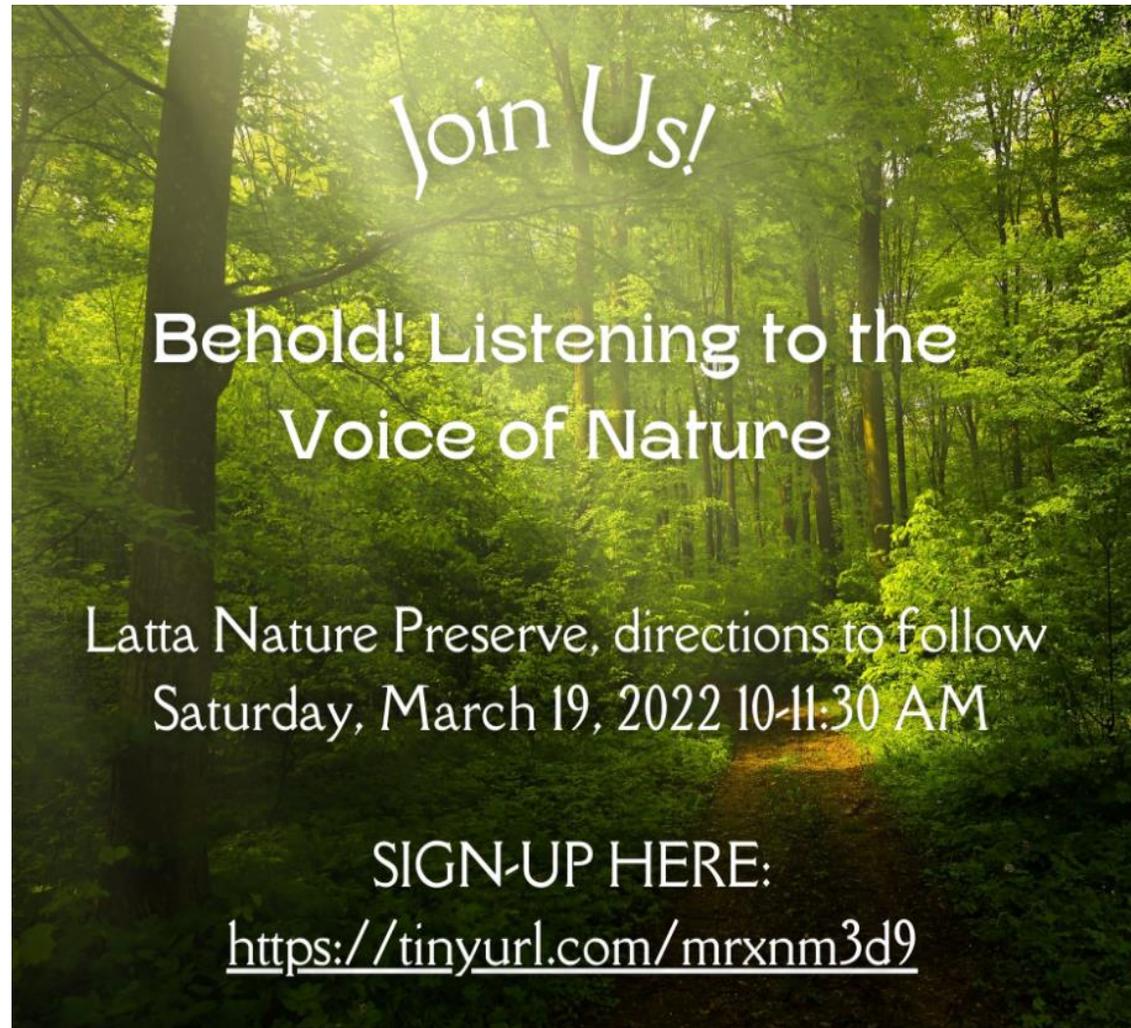
Upcoming Events

St. Peter's Parish, Charlotte, NC
March 19th, 2022 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

St Peter's Parish is hosting an event,
'Listening to the Voice of Nature'. Join us!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxnm3d9>

For future events go to Creation Care:
<https://www.stpeterscatholic.org/care-for-creation>



Join Us!

**Behold! Listening to the
Voice of Nature**

Latta Nature Preserve, directions to follow
Saturday, March 19, 2022 10-11:30 AM

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Earth Day & Creation Care April 22, 2022

To commemorate Earth Day (April 22), consider sharing Pope Francis's landmark encyclical letter about our planet's environment, "[Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home](https://bit.ly/1Lh3szp)," a PDF version at <https://bit.ly/1Lh3szp>.

Care for Creation is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

Earth Day - The diversity and the populations of the species around us and upon which we depend, are declining at alarming rates. However, we can act to protect our species, through our individual actions, our communities, nationally, and globally.



Blessed are you,
O God, Creator
of the universe,
who have made
all things good
and given the
earth for us to
cultivate. Grant
that we may
always use
created things
gratefully and
share your gift
with those in
need, out of the
love of Christ
our Lord, who
lives and reigns
with you for ever
and ever. Amen.

~USCCB

Grounded in scripture, Catholic social teaching, and *Laudato Si*, these Earth Day programs will help mobilize the Catholic community to take urgent action to protect all of God's creation. The USCCB and Catholic Climate Covenant have resources that includes prayers, readings, short videos and suggested activities. To learn more about the Earth Day campaigns, go to the following resources:

Resources & Ideas

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)
- Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)
- Catholic Health Association:
<https://www.chausa.org/environment/earth-day/2021-earth-day-resources>



More resources below

A Reflection for Earth Day



God,
Creator of All,

We offer our prayer in gratitude and humility that we might heed your call to care for one another through our care of the least, the lowest and the most vulnerable of all your blessed creation.

Grant, we pray, the courage to speak on behalf of the soft soil under our feet, the running and still waters, the warmth of the sun on our face, and all the crawling, flying and swimming creatures you love. May our courage to speak translate into actions that protect our planet—so that our children and their children might enjoy the fruits of what we sow.

In your name, we pray.
AMEN.

Source to download or purchase: <https://www.chausa.org/environment/earth-day/2021-earth-day-resources>

Other Catholic Health Association Handouts, Posters and Prayers:

[Earth Day Prayer Reflection](#) – For 2021 our prayer card is electronic only. You can download it as a jpeg or a PowerPoint slide for your use in electronic communications and social media.

» [Earth Day Reflection jpeg](#)

» [Earth Day Reflection PowerPoint Slides](#)

» [Earth Day Prayer Service](#)

» [Earth Day Reflection Video](#)