



Earth Day Blessings

April 21 and 22 after all Masses

Our Lady of Peace will have special prayers and a blessing of bikes (& feet); Parishioners are encouraged to bike, walk or carpool to Mass that weekend. Immediately following all Masses under the canopy/ carport on the side of Church.

Church Teaching and Care of Creation

“Care for the earth 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. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

-US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Care for God’s Creation

“Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

-Pope Francis, Laudato Si

More about Earth Day

The genesis of Earth Day is credited to Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic Senator from Wisconsin. After witnessing the ravages of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, and inspired by the student anti-war movement, he called for an environmental teach-in, later called "Earth Day", to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year, and now Earth Day is observed on April 22 each year by more than one billion people and many national governments in 192 countries.