



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

St John's Season of Creation

St John the Evangelist Church, Seattle, WA

On September 1, Pope Francis announced the **Season of Creation** from September 1 to October 4.

This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator.

It is also a season to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful. Too many of us act like tyrants with regard to creation. Let us make an effort to change and to adopt more simple and respectful lifestyles! Now is the time to abandon our dependence on fossil fuels and move, quickly and decisively, towards forms of clean energy and a sustainable and circular economy. Let us also learn to listen to indigenous peoples, whose age-old wisdom can teach us how to live in a better relationship with the environment.

You can read Pope Francis' complete message at tinyurl.com/PopeMsgSept1.

Season of Creation Events

St John's will be celebrating the Season of Creation in a number of ways:

- On **Thursday, September 19th**, we will meet in the **St John's Admin building at 7pm** to create signs for Friday's global climate strike gathering. Everyone is welcome, including children. While we will have markers, staplers, and tape, please bring your own poster board and art supplies.
- On **Friday, September 20th**, the **Global Climate Strike** is being coordinated across the world. You can learn more at <https://globalclimatestrike.net/>. Several groups in Seattle are participating, including in Ballard at Bergen Place Park, 5420 22nd Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107 at 7pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the gathering in Ballard or elsewhere and show your support for progress on addressing the impending climate crisis. Carpooling or taking the bus is encouraged. Email paul@thelitwins.com to help arrange a car or bus pool.
- On **Sunday, September 22nd**, the Saint Francis of Assisi ministry will be sponsoring the **Season of Creation Fair**, which will be held after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses in the Admin Building with coffee & doughnuts, of course. Come join us to learn about the Season of Creation and get inspired to reduce our carbon footprint and preserve creation for all, including future generations.
- On **Saturday, October 5th**, the Saint Francis of Assisi ministry will also be sponsoring the **Blessing of the Animals** to celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi and emphasize that animals are also part of God's creation and need to be treated with respect and kindness. All parishioners are encouraged to bring their animals to the schoolyard where Father Crispin will bless them. More details to come.

Any questions or if you wish to volunteer at any of the events, please contact Paul Litwin at paul@thelitwins.com.