

Coastal Creation Care

God made the heavens, the earth, and the seas—and our beautiful Louisiana wetlands. He calls us to care for creation.

On this Feast of Saint Francis, we must act to save the wetlands and wildlife that are central to our culture and vital to our economy.

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Feast of Saint Francis

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

Pope Francis - *Laudato si'*

St. Francis has been declared the Patron Saint of those who promote care for nature. He died in October of 1226, and his life is recommended as a guide for animal and nature lovers, environmentalists and ecologists, showing us how to live in a way that respects and honors nature as God's creation.