

# Ecological Economy

Throughout Advent Isaiah paints vivid pictures of what the reign of God is like: peace reigns, the needs of the poor are met, all of nature rejoices with joyful song. Laudato Si reminds us that for this prophetic vision to come into reality our economic system must be transformed.

“Economic growth, for its part, tends to produce predictable reactions and a certain standardization with the aim of simplifying procedures and reducing costs. This suggests the need for an “economic ecology” capable of appealing to a broader vision of reality.” #141

Greta Thunberg said,  
“If solutions within the existing system are so impossible to find, then maybe we should change the system.”

Consumer choice is very powerful in bringing about change. Although we are faced with what at times seems overwhelming in changing our economic system, there are many signs of change giving us hope. Advent reminds us to be a hope filled people.

## Song: “Maranatha” by Tim Schoenbachler

Celebrate ways in which I am living simply  
Celebrate the changes in my local area  
(city, county state) that have moved to a  
more sustainable economy.



### **Reflection question:**

How do I mindfully purchase items that are produced in ways that provide a living wage to the people who make them?

Are my purchases environmentally sustainable?

### **Suggested actions:**

Support your local economy by buying from local stores and farmers.

Purchase fair trade goods.

Buy from second hand stores