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Baptism: Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Any time by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

Marriage Preparation: Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

Visitation of Sick and Homebound: If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

February 14, 2021: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-----SECOND COLLECTIONS-----

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The second collection on Ash Wednesday (February 17) will go toward the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Please keep in mind our regular first-Sunday-of-the-month second collection for the St. Clare Building and Maintenance Fund, or donate to this fund any time during the month, either by putting your donation designated for Building and Maintenance into the collection basket in the narthex at Mass; donating online at the diocesan website; or sending a check to the Church office.

GOOD NEWS!

Digging has begun and work is moving forward in isolating St. Clare's water leak. Pray for a speedy and successful procedure!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Bible study this year will be online. In the latest video Bible study from the St. Paul Center, "Parousia: The Bible and the Mass," discover why the liturgy is a major theme that runs through the entire Bible. The ten beautifully produced lessons are free. The link below will take you to a webpage that provides a brief introduction to the series by Scott Hahn, a brief trailer, and a link to register. There is also a link for you to purchase a guide book, if you choose.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>.

Don't forget...ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (only one full meal is allowed; no snacks) and abstinence (no meat) for all the faithful, ages 18-59 (recommended for others as well, if they are able).

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution of Ashes in Time of pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him, or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021. Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect. +Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary.

A SAME AND DIFFERENT ASH WEDNESDAY IN 2021

We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church, no water in the font, less singing. Communion only in the hand, no coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we can still pray. Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead—unsafe in this pandemic time—we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our ritual rules). We can still repent and believe in the Gospel. We will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices. Come to church on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

8:00 a.m., St. Clare: Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., St. Clare: Abbreviated Liturgy and Ashes (come and go)

5:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Vernon: Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m., St. Clare: Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m., St. Paul: Mass and Imposition of Ashes

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. Feb. 13- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV)

Sun. Feb. 14- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Int. Bob Rucker

11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Pro Populo

4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. Catholic Extension Donors *Misa en español*

Wed. Feb. 17- 7:00 p.m. (St. Paul) Int. Catholic Extension Donors

Sat. Feb. 20- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo

Sun. Feb. 21- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Int. Bob Rucker

11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Int. Catholic Extension Donors

4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. Catholic Extension Donors *Misa en español*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Feb. 14: Bob Rucker

Feb. 21: Mike Berheide

Feb. 28: Pat Calie

Mar. 7: Lynn Feltner

Mar. 14: Bruce Fraley

Mar. 21: Bob Rucker

PRAYER NEEDS

Parishioners: Norma Coyle, Beatriz Del Rosario, Marci Griffin, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Bob Rucker, Mari Rucker, Gene Startzman

Family and Friends: Marlene Arcuri; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Pat Eutsler; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Daniel Kessler (brother of Kris Hammons); Rich Rosen; Patricia Simpson (Father Gary's mother). Names remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Scripture readings for Feb. 14 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time):

First Reading.....Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 *Second Reading*.....1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Responsorial Psalm...Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 11 *Gospel Reading*.....Mark 1:40-45

HYMNS for Feb. 14 (music at end of bulletin):

Opening: Oh God Beyond All Praising

Offertory: How Can I Keep from Singing

Communion: The King of Love

Who was St. Valentine?

Early martyrologies mention three different St. Valentines, all sharing Feb. 14 as their feast day. The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome, martyred on Feb. 14, AD 270, and buried on the Flaminian Way. Later, Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica at the site which preserved St. Valentine's tomb. The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna, outside of Rome. He, too, was martyred during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions, but nothing more is known of him. Each of these men named St. Valentine showed heroic love for the Lord and his Church. Though most customs connected with Valentine's Day have secular rather than sacred origins, we should never forget Jesus's words: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command—may we do the same.

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

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1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



1. And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
2. That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;



1. For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,
2. And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



1. At bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
2. We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



1. We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,
2. To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



1. We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
2. And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

760 How Can I Keep from Singing

QUAKER HYMN 87 87 with Refrain



1. My life flows on in end - less song;
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife,
3. What though the tem - pest round me roar,



1. A - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion, _____
2. I hear the mu - sic ring - ing. _____
3. I hear the truth, it liv - eth; _____



1. I hear the real though far - off hymn
2. It sounds and ech - oes in my soul;
3. What though the dark - ness round me close,



1. That hails a new cre - a - tion. _____
2. How can I keep from sing - ing? _____
3. Songs in the right it giv - eth. _____



No storm can shake my in-most calm While to that



rock I'm cling - ing. _____ Since love is Lord of



heav - en and earth, How can I keep from sing - ing? _____

Anon.
Vs. 3. Doris Plenn, 1909-1994

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt.

138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
 5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
 6. And so through all the length of days, thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth; and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me; and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)
 MUSIC: Irish Melody; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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