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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 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

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

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. There is a box earmarked for this fund on the diocesan website.

----- WATER LEAK UPDATE -----

WE FOUND IT! As of Thursday afternoon, the workers have found what they believe to be the leak and are doing their best to further isolate, remove, and cap off old leftover galvanized piping from the green house. It's looking a little messy, but the project is coming along!

FROM FR. SIMPSON:

I know some of you are trying the St Paul Center's Bible study this Lent on "Parousia: The Bible and the Mass." I hope all are enjoying it as much as I am. As a reminder, the link is:

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

I recently came across another option that I wanted to share with you for this socially distanced and isolated Lent. It a podcast on the Bible, and is a top download! "The Bible in a Year" is a daily podcast backed by Ascension Press. It has topped the charts as it leads listeners through the Bible's narrative. Fr. Mike Schmitz, a priest of the Duluth Diocese and a popular speaker and author, reads several chapters of Sacred Scripture and offers a short reflection in each 20-minute episode.

Another option (also from Ascension Press) is Jeff Cavins' "Great Adventure Bible Timeline": <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/the-great-adventure> . Cavins, a Bible scholar himself, also endorsed the "Bible in a Year," saying that both these programs help readers and listeners to follow the story without losing a sense of the narrative of Scripture in a non-narrative book.

Let's dust off our Bibles, have a meaningful Lent, and start preparing ourselves for normalcy, and full and active participation at mass.

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. Feb. 27- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Int. Catholic Extension Donors

Sun. Feb. 28- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Pro Populo

11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) +Bruno Agosti

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

Sat. Mar. 6- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) For the poor souls in purgatory

Sun. Mar. 7- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Int. Catholic Extension Donors

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

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Feb. 28: Pat Calie

Mar. 21: Bob Rucker

Mar. 7: Lynn Feltner

Mar. 28: Mike Berheide

Mar. 14: Bruce Fraley

Apr. 4: Pat Calie

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 for Feb. 28 (Second Sunday of Lent):

First Reading.....Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm...Ps. 116: 10, 15-19

Second Reading.....Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Reading.....Mark 9:2-10

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory collected YTD as of 2/21/21:

\$65,337.42

Offertory needed weekly:

\$2,692.31

Offertory collected 2/12/21 & 2/21/21:

\$2,054.34

Building and Maintenance:

\$360.00

SONGS for Feb. 28 Mass (music at end of bulletin):

Opening: *Attende Domine*

Offertory: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Since we still can't use hymnals in church, you may want to print the music and bring it with you (or access the bulletin on your phone) in order to sing along during Mass.

Prayers Requested for Pope Francis as he journeys to Iraq

Below is a message from Father Jack Wall of Catholic Extension, which Bishop John has asked to be shared with all priests of the diocese, and which Father Simpson is sharing with us:

Dear Bishop Stowe,

As President of Catholic Extension and at the request of our chancellor, Cardinal Blase Cupich, I am reaching out to all bishops and administrators of mission dioceses to encourage you to invite your pastors to include public Mass intentions this weekend or next for Pope Francis' March 5-8 pastoral visit to Iraq.

Due to the historic nature of this visit, the recent surge in coronavirus infections in the region, and the real security concerns that exist, I believe our solidarity in prayer with the Holy Father would be most fitting.

We also stand in solidarity with our fellow Christians of Iraq. The Christian population in Iraq before the 2003 U.S. invasion was 1.5 million. It is now under 400,000. We pray that the Holy Father's visit will be a sign of hope and an opportunity to facilitate peace in this long-suffering and war-torn nation.

Thank you for this expression of our ecclesial unity across the nation and world, as we approach the special feast of our universal Church's patron, St. Joseph.

In Christ,

Fr. Jack Wall

President, Catholic Extension

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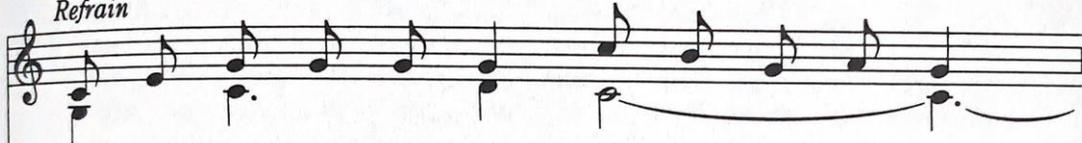
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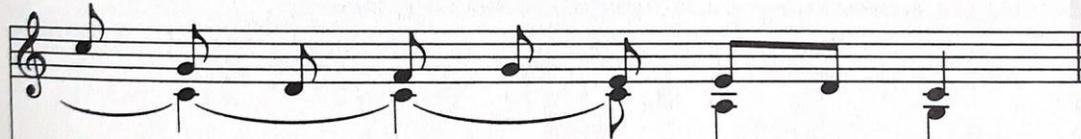
Attende, Domine/ Hear our entreaties, Lord

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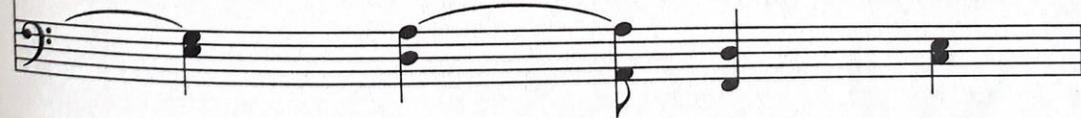
Refrain



At - tén - de, Dó - mi - ne, et mi - se - ré - re,
Hear our en - treat - ies, Lord, and show Thy mer - cy;

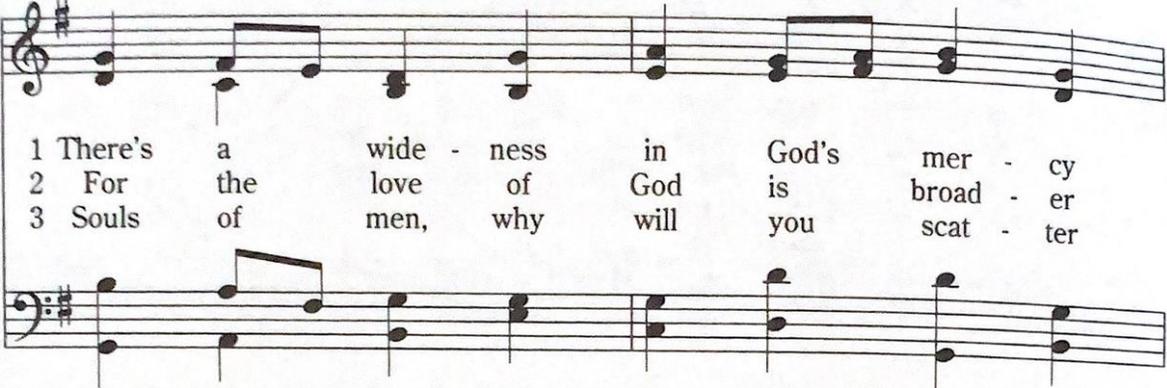


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for we are sin - ners be - fore Thee.

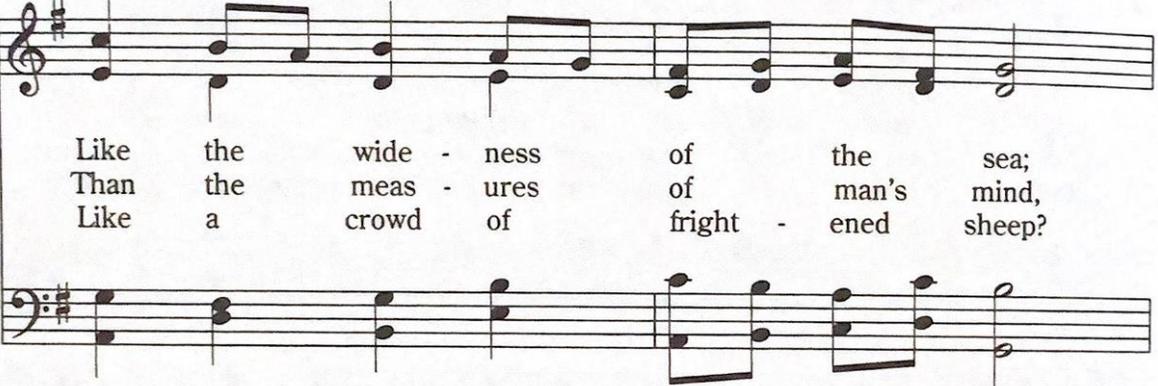


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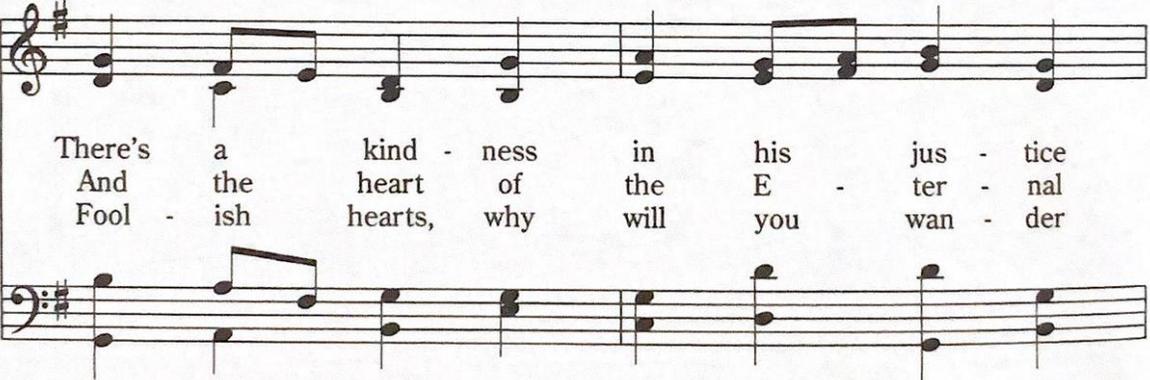
There's a wideness in God's mercy



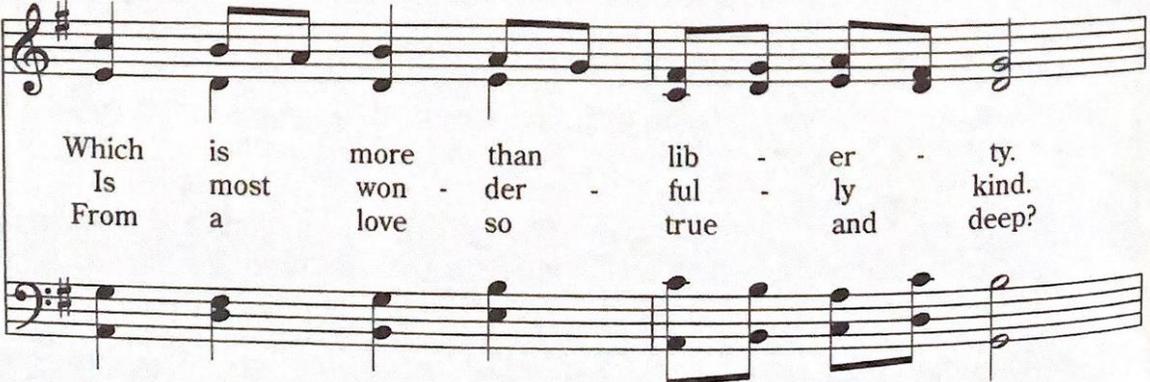
1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy
 2 For the love of God is broad - er
 3 Souls of men, why will you scat - ter



Like the wide - ness of the sea;
 Than the meas - ures of man's mind,
 Like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?



There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal
 Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



Which is more than lib - er - ty.
 Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 From a love so true and deep?

There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion
 If our love were but more sim - ple
 There is wel - come for the sin - ner

In the blood that has been shed;
 We should take him at his word,
 And more grac - es for the good;

There is joy for all the mem - bers
 And our lives would be all sun - shine
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior,

In the sor - rows of the Head.
 In the sweet - ness of our Lord.
 There is heal - ing in his blood.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1814-1863
 MELODY: Traditional Dutch melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlites en Contradansseu*, c.1710
 HARMONIZATION: Traditional

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