

Our readings today invite us to live Love deeply in the daily events of our lives, in the way that we interact with all people, in the way that we pray.

The Gospel reading from Matthew is the story of the great commandment that includes and supplants all other commandments: Love – Love God with all you have, Love your neighbor as yourself in the same way – with all you have.

It sounds wonderful! It seems simple enough! Then we see the practical implications of Love, real love, love in action. The first reading from Exodus is strong and clear about the ways we treat those who are without a homeland, who are vulnerable and powerless, who have not. By doing this we fulfill this great commandment and love God, others, and self with all we have.

Today, we live this greatest commandment by responding to the needs of our world - with eyes attuned to what is happening in and around us, locally and globally; with hearts open to discern ways to respond compassionately to those in need; with arms free to embrace those who are alone and hurting.

This world that God so loves is broken and vulnerable in many places. Let us pray that we may embrace these places with all we have – with God's great Love.