



**November 29, 2020  
First Sunday of Advent**

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**Mass:** Sun. at 10:30am (Eng.); 1pm (Español);

**Monday Adoration at 5:30**

**Wednesday Adoration at 5:15 and Mass at 6**

Confessions during adoration times

**Please pray for /Oramos para:**

+Tom and Martha Morgan, +Lee McNutt, Bob Bradley, Sandy DeLisle, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen, Joe Barnefiher, and Fr. David. Especially let us remember our chronically ill and homebound.

**Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:**

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,  
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4



**Confirmation  
November 8 at  
St. Cecilia and  
November 15  
at St.  
Eustachius**

Congratulations  
to all our  
Confirmandi  
and thank you  
to everyone  
who helped!  
Thank you to  
the Ladies Club  
for the gifts of  
St. Michael key  
chains!

**First Sunday of Advent, November 29th**  
**Reflection by Bishop Robert Barron**

Every Advent, Christians sing a haunting song whose words go back to the ninth century. But I wonder how carefully we listen to the lyrics:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appears.

In the ancient world, people were tremendously afraid of being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Alone, far from home, malnourished, often tortured, hostages could only hope against hope that their deliverance might come. This is the situation evoked by that well-known song: Israel, the people of God, are held for ransom in their lonely exile, and they cry out for their Savior, the Son of God.

To be caught in the nexus of sin is to know the truth and to feel the texture of this imprisonment. We mourn over the sins and moral failures of our leaders; we feel trapped by our own falls into dysfunction and addiction; we feel overwhelmed by the dark powers of the world.

But the good news of Christianity is that Emmanuel (God with us) has indeed appeared, and he has gone right to the bottom of sin in order to defeat it. In his full humanity, Jesus entered into that complex web of sin, and in his full divinity, he did something about it.

May we spend these holy days together in prayer, penance, and hope, fixing our eyes on the appearance of Christ our Savior and longing for his deliverance.

Pie Sale

**Pie Fundraiser**

Our Parish Council Pie Sale Made \$550 for our church! Thank you to all who bought pies, and especially to those who MADE them! Thank you for the empanadas, too!



**Second Collection Next Week on December 6th**

Mother's House in Hayti, run by Sister Sharon of the Glenmary Sisters, is a place for families to get help with food, clothes, diapers, and other things they may need. Please consider bringing in donations of any of those items (or others). Also, we will have a second collection the first Sunday of the month to support Sr. Sharon's work of mercy.

Diapers...size Newborn, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Pull-ups...any and all sizes; Baby wipes  
Baby items...clothing any size, new bottles, new pacifiers, receiving blankets, bath items,  
new toys, used baby furniture.

Clothing....New and/or Clean: Gently Used sizes Boys...4t, 4, 5t, 5 6 and 7.

Girls....2t, 3t, 4t, 4, 5t, 5, 6, 6x, and 7

Gently Used shoes in any size for children and teens

Gently Used socks and underwear any size girls and boys

Twin size sheets, blankets, towels can be new or used.

Good used household items are also needed

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.”

**Advent and Christmas Season Important Masses and Events**  
**December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Mass at 12pm and 6pm at St. Cecilia  
(St. Eustachius Masses are Dec. 7 at 6:30pm and Dec. 8 at 8:15am)

**December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Cecilia**

7pm Mass (Spanish)

**Christmas Masses at St. Cecilia**

December 24th at 8pm (Spanish)

December 25th at 11am (English)

**New Year's Eve and Solemnity of Mary, January 1**

December 31<sup>st</sup> Adoration from 7-8pm

January 1, 2021 12pm Mass