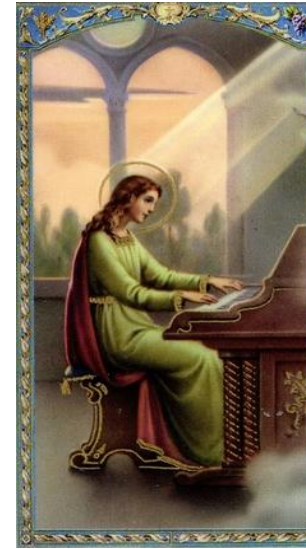


There, even the biggest lives are laid bare. All the things accumulated over a lifetime will not fit in a small room or apartment. Only the most important things, the things that were truly biggest in a life, are kept. You will consistently find two things there: faith and family. A Bible, a picture of Jesus, maybe a statue of Mary or a rosary. You will find photographs of lost spouses, cards from children, drawings by grandchildren. When life's walls close in on us, we decorate those walls with what is really important, what is truly big. We begin to see "little" and "big" like Jesus does.

Only when we see little and big as Jesus does, will we find peace. And, sometimes, we forget how big God is and try to find happiness on our own. We start to think we are bigger than God. We try to squeeze God into 60 minutes a week and take the rest for ourselves. When we do that, we are left with a hole that all the big things of the world cannot fill. That emptiness can lead to hopelessness. We begin to believe that our sins are too big for God. We try to shrink God's love down to our size. Only when we see little and big as Jesus does, do we realize how immense his love, his mercy is.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English
(10:05am Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of the month)
1pm Mass in Spanish
Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Sandy DeLisle, +Mary Gurley, Deanne Cole, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4
Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

Collection Information for September 12

Adult Collection: \$2931.00

Loose: \$241

Monthly Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 22 Youth Bible Study and Pizza after mass

September 28-October 2 St. Cecilia Delta Fair Booth

October 3 Mother's House Collection

October 6 Parish Council Meeting

Spiritual Campaign

We are starting a Spiritual Campaign at St. Cecilia! This is the first initiative of our new Parish Council working with the norms promulgated by Bishop Rice this summer. It will be a campaign of prayer, and we will begin with workshops for learning different ways to pray, then begin a time of putting these forms of prayer into practice with our families, and then forming prayer groups to carry on this most important ministry of prayer in our parish.

More information to follow! Mark your calendar: on October 10 at 11:45am.

Youth Bible Study: Food from God in Scripture

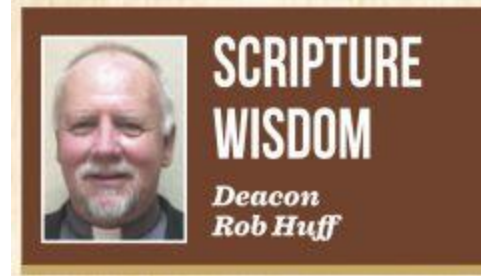
This Wednesday after mass!

Middle School at 5:30

High School at 6:30

Bible provided; rotelle and drinks will be served.

This Week: Abraham and Moses: A Covenant and a Sacrifice



Bigshots. We like “big.” Have you noticed how some things are bigger than they used to be? When I was a kid, sodas came in a small bottle—and I had to split it with my little sister! The other day, I stopped into the convenience store and got a soda. It came in a bucket. Burgers are bigger, televisions are bigger, houses are bigger, even I am bigger! “Supersize it.” We all want to make it

big. We are a big society.

So, it is hard to blame the disciples for wanting to be bigshots. After all, they started out small. Being a fisherman or a tax collector was not considered the big time. They were followers of a Nazorean carpenter turned prophet, and everyone knows nothing big ever came out of Nazareth. But things were looking up. They had just finished a major tour and the crowds had been bigger than they could have imagined, thousands. Jesus was popular, and they were his disciples. But here they were, the biggest thing since Moses, and all Jesus could talk about was some silliness about being handed over and being killed. Ridiculous. They were hot. The people loved them. Of course, there was some discussion about which of them was the greatest. But that is to be expected among important men. After all, they had made it: They were bigshots.

But Jesus is not impressed. He has a different way of judging big. “What are you guys whispering about?” he asks. Silence. The disciples realize that maybe they have made a mistake. Apparently, Jesus was being literal with all that talk about meekness and humility. They are a bit confused. After all, what good is it to be humble if you can’t brag about it? They had sacrificed, gambled everything on a long shot, and now it was time for the big payout. However, Jesus set them straight. They need to reevaluate what is big. “If you want to be first, you have to be last. You must be a servant.” Jesus takes something the world sees as small, a little child, and tells them, “This is me. You want to do something big? Serve this little child. That is big.”

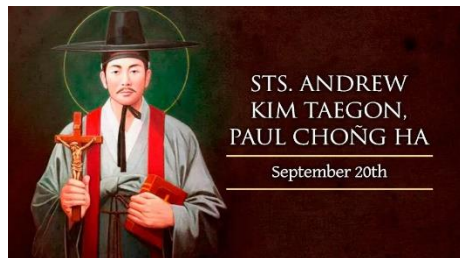
We work hard to make it big. We judge our worth by how great our income is, how large our houses are, and what big name is branded on our clothes. Like the disciples, we are worried about who is most important. We spend our lives seeking greatness. We want to be bigshots.

The problem is, like the disciples, we lose track of what really is big. Eternity is big. Most of the things that seem like a big deal now, look pretty small from an eternal perspective. ***If you want to know what is really big, visit a nursing home.***

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Saints This Week

Monday, September 20: Memorial of **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions**, Martyrs and St. Eustachius



The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back

home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45. Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. **When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest.** Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Tuesday, September 21: Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday, September 23: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)

Delta Fair



We need **water**
and soda
donations!

Please bring these items before or after masses or adoration from now until September 27th. The Delta Fair is scheduled for **September 28 to October 2**. Thank you all and God bless you.

The fair brings in thousands of dollars for our parish! Please help St. Cecilia continue her sacramental and evangelical mission.

Bilingual Weekday Masses

Since I arrived here with Fr Dominic Ibok in 2019, there has been a small but vocal group of parishioners complaining about the Bilingual mass on Wednesday evenings. They wanted it to be only in English, even though that did not match the community who attended that mass. After consultation with the previous pastor, Fr Daniel, and the bishop, it was determined the best course was to continue to do what Fr Daniel had done prior to our arrival, and continue with the Bilingual mass as it had been for years.

These complaints have continued ever since that decision. Respecting the decision of Fr Dominic, who sought to continue things as they have been, I've decided to more fully explore the issue and make sure we are following what our Church teaches on this subject.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has *Guidelines for a Multilingual Celebration of Mass*, most recently updated in 2013. These guidelines in some ways are helpful, in other ways not. They presuppose a common language, understood by all, and this is not the case in our community. Just as there is a small group of parishioners who cannot understand Spanish, we also have a slightly larger group of parishioners, who cannot understand English.

Faced with this difficulty, and seeking to make our parish a place that is open to all, no matter their grasp of the English or Spanish languages, we will make a compromise. This compromise will both follow the guidelines by the USCCB, as well as the previous direction of Bishop Rice.

Starting the week of September 12th, we will have two weekday masses. Monday and Wednesday evening we will have adoration from 5-5:45, and mass at 6. Mass on Monday will be bilingual, English and Spanish. Wednesday mass will be in English, but the reading, psalm, Gospel, and homily will also be delivered in Spanish.

This schedule will have a trial period until Christmas, at which time we will reevaluate and see if it should continue.

In this way, anyone, no matter their grasp of either language, will be able to attend both weekday masses.

And as an exhortation to those tempted to avoid a mass because of their lack of understanding of either language: the mass is the most important thing that can possibly happen. If you do not attend because of discomfort over not knowing the language that part of the mass is in (or even all of the mass), you are doing irreparable damage to your soul. God offers you His very self in the mass, an action which transcends language. Suffering a little discomfort at not knowing the language is a small price to pay for the infinite good the mass offers to you! -Fr. David

Liturgical Note

Thank you for bring the gift of your beautiful voices to mass every Sunday! We are going to try to get back into singing the Gloria, the Holy Holy Holy, and the Mystery of Faith next week. We will practice a few minutes before mass next week.

Gloria:

<https://youtu.be/TKHRMIEt30s>

Holy Holy Holy:

<https://youtu.be/TKHRMIEt30s>

Mystery of Faith:

<https://youtu.be/KCJrBfGQU4>

