Eucharist
Daily Mass
Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Holy Days
8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office for Sacramental Preparation and Baptismal date.

Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date for sacramental preparation.

Homebound, ill or Infirm
Contact the Parish Office if you, a family member or neighbor desires to receive communion or the Anointing of the Sick at home or in the hospital.

Newcomers
Contact the Parish Office to register. Newcomers can receive a call from a member of the Welcoming Committee.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
Dear Members of St. Perpetua,

Easter Blessings as we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the New Life that is ours through Him. The miracle of Easter is the putting off of all limitations of Jesus and all the limitations of human existence. In our world and in our own lives we feel so deeply the limitations that exist. Our government struggles to find a way to address the health care crisis for the benefit of all our citizens and to create a national budget that looks out for the common good. Leaders are limited by partisan interests and party loyalty. Truth and integrity seem to be rare qualities as more and more people lose trust in our most cherished institutions. The ongoing struggles within Syria, tensions with Russia and North Korea, fragile relationships with China – all these serve as a reminder to us of the complexity of our world today. There are no easy answers to the problems we face. Even in our personal lives, the daily agendas that we keep as we complain that there aren’t enough hours in the day to do all we need to do give evidence to the restraints we each face. The Cross stands at the center our Christian faith. Yet, we believe that the cross is not the ultimate end.

The resurrection of Our Lord is a witness to us that life’s barriers will be broken; the chains of death are smashed and the heavy stone is rolled away. Now nothing exists that has the power to separate us from one another. God’s dream of a Reign of Peace and a Kingdom of brotherly and sisterly love is realized in Christ and the hope he brings to the world. As we renew our baptismal vows and reaffirm our vocation as followers of the Risen Lord and members of the Body of Christ, may we become His hands and voice, His footsteps and presence in our world. May we strive with God’s grace to overcome the limitations that prevent us from bringing the peace and love of Christ to our families, our community and our world.

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I encourage you to read the insert and take a look at the most recent images on the back of the bulletin in order to update yourself on the status of our Capital Campaign to build a new Community Center in place of our inadequate and outdated parish hall. If you have not yet made your pledge to this campaign I urge you to do so. We are very close to being able to break ground soon but we need everyone’s participation in order to make this dream come true.

Happy Easter!
Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens – Alleluia! Today is the most joyous celebration in the Church—the Resurrection of Christ! On this day of rejoicing in new life, we are also invited to rid ourselves of the old—that which is no longer life giving—and rise to new life with and in Christ. In the Second Reading today, we are told to rid ourselves of the old yeast in our lives, to rid ourselves of the things that no longer bring joy and salvation into this world, and to open ourselves to lives of truth and sincerity. We are fortunate that in the northern hemisphere, Easter falls in springtime when everything around us points to new life. Flowers once buried under snow and ice spring to new life with new buds and leaves. Trees that seemed dead bloom into fullness once more. This is what we are called to do—let the old die away and make room for new goodness!

Easter Time is entirely about rejoicing in goodness and life. This week, challenge yourself to appreciate the life and goodness you see in others and in yourself. Think about three people in your life who represent an authentic life and thank them for being an example of Easter joy. Share with them how they inspire you to rejoice in new life and ask them for advice on how to similarly live. If it’s possible, you should also try planting a tree or flower. As this plant grows, consider it a reminder for you to continually grow and rise to new life.

In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua we gather to see how we use our faith as a catalyst to rejoice in goodness and life. This week teens gather once:

♦ Monday, April 17—Youth Group gathers to look at the Easter season and how the message transforms our lives. Monday at 7:30 pm in the RRC.

Questions? Drop Gary a note. Teens remember that by God’s grace we can overcome all fears. Edison was afraid of lightning. Walt Disney afraid of mice.

Welcoming a Refugee Family – It’s happening!
Parish teams are eagerly preparing to welcome an Iranian Baha’i refugee family arriving a few days after Easter. The family of three includes a young elementary school-age daughter. Plans are underway to introduce the family to our Parish community. You’ll hear more soon.

For the short term, the family’s home will be with a brother in Martinez. Important next steps include finding permanent housing and employment. If you know of an available one-bedroom rental or in-law unit, please let us know. You can contact Christoph or Mary Kuhn at mkuhn@ccerb.org. Jews, Christians, and Baha’i are all at risk in Iran and eligible to resettle in the United States.

EASTER SUNDAY: ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST
We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. Please turn the money collected into a check made out to St. Perpetua with Rice Bowl in the memo section and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Monthly Shelter Meal
St. Perpetua’s JHOP (Junior High Outreach Program) took on the monthly shelter meals for the past three months! The month of March had the 6th grade JHOP group doing all the preparation, transporting and serving of the shelter meal, of course with some transportation help from their parents. They enjoyed getting together and preparing a nutritious meal for the guests. Thank you to our young people for the giving of their time, talent and enthusiasm in reaching out to others.

If you have any questions or are interested in preparing or transporting a monthly shelter meal, please contact Monica Chappell at monicachappell@comcast.net. She is always happy to answer questions to help with your decision to give this ministry a try. There is no additional commitment other than the one meal in which you are involved. Think about it. Give it a try!

Outreach Agency Distributions
Thanks to your continuing monetary support of the fifth Sunday Outreach Collection and additional contributions, in March we could send $5,500.00 ($500.00 each) to the following agencies: Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Bay Area Rescue Mission, CCIC – Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Contra Costa Food Bank – Extra Helping, Shelter Inc., STAND for Families Free of Violence, Trinity Center, We Care, Youth Homes, and Putnam Clubhouse. Because of your generosity, we can reach out to our various agencies within Contra Costa County. Thank you for being such a caring community.

Monthly Food Basket Collection
In March 300 pounds or approximately 37 bags of canned fruit, vegetables and hominy were delivered by Bill Gardner to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The need is evident because the food pantries are quickly depleted. Thank you for your ongoing support of the monthly food collection. The items requested for the April collection are: canned fish/meat – Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Spam, Corned Beef.
Welcome into the Catholic Community

Congratulations to our newly initiated and newly received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil last night.

Ruben Haro who was initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Kristen O’Brien who was received into full communion.

Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

The Resurrection of the Lord

My Lenten resolution this year was to use less water—to take shorter showers, and to be more mindful of the water I waste. A thousand miles away, and without our talking about it, my sister chose the same fast, but each day as she ended her too-short shower she added a prayer for someone, known or unknown to her, who needed an extra-loving boost of grace that day.

God, who is not confined by time and space, answered her prayers and those of billions before and after her. On that Easter morning, God gave all creation, for all time, an “extra-loving boost of grace.”

Easter, not Good Friday, is the center of God’s heart. God did not make death. God made life, and gave it to us, pressed down and overflowing, exactly as our Easter altars express it today. Gorgeous colors, heavenly fragrances, new life bursting from the cold winter graves—this is our God, singing our souls out of their hard shells and saying, “Partner with me, love and protect my stunning world, and I will show you the Risen One in the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands.”

Jesus did not need an empty tomb in order to break the chains of death. He who calmed the sea and cast out demons did not need a rolled-away stone in order to be in glory. His resurrected body was for the sake of those who, confined by time and space, needed a bodily Jesus, raised from the dead and eating and drinking with them. Those of us who were not the eyewitnesses need not feel left out; we know where to find our Risen Lord.

In what radiant parts of your life do you find our Risen Jesus?

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St. Perpetua Parishioners: Making Us Proud!

Congratulations to the following members of our community for using the talents and skills God gave them to make this world a better place. On April 1, Boy Scout Troop 204 awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout to the following young men of our parish: Luc Davis, Francis Ortman IV, Ryan Regan, Jack Spiering, John Torchio and Trenten Tso.

On April 6, Dr. Tim Ganey was honored by the John Muir Health Foundation and presented with the 2017 “Award of Distinction” for outstanding leadership, service and philanthropy.

On April 17, Mrs. Deanne Peam will become the new Executive Director of CCIH (Contra Costa Interfaith Housing). Deanne was the Co-founder and Vice President for “First Place for Youth,” an organization that supports high risk youth in transition to adulthood. Under her leadership “First Place” grew from a two-person start up with a budget of $80K to one with over 100 staff and a $20M budget. Deanne is replacing Mrs. Louise Bourassa, another parishioner of St. Perpetua who has retired from CCIH. Under Louise’s ten-year+ leadership CCIH has grown from serving 72 people in 2005 to more than 1,100 today, moving vulnerable families and children of our County from chronic homelessness to permanent housing.

May God bless and reward all the members of St. Perpetua who bring the Gospel to life in our society by their commitment and dedication!

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:


MASS INTENTIONS
April 16, 2017—April 24, 2017

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Tuesday 8:30 am Payam Keyantha ¶
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Sunday 8:00 am Raymond Scola ¶
9:30 am Jonathan Cain ¶ & Patrick McNnaughton ¶
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Status of the Project:
The architects (LCA) submitted their drawings to the Diocese for their April meeting.
The contractor should have the pricing to us by the end of April, beginning of May.
Once we have a firm cost from the contractor we will understand how much we are short.
Please review the insert, which explains the project in great detail, and consider making a donation so that we will not need to exclude any of the important aspects of this project.

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