

# ST. PERPETUA CHURCH

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH ♦ ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY ♦ SHARING OUR GIFTS

## **Eucharist**

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am  
(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**

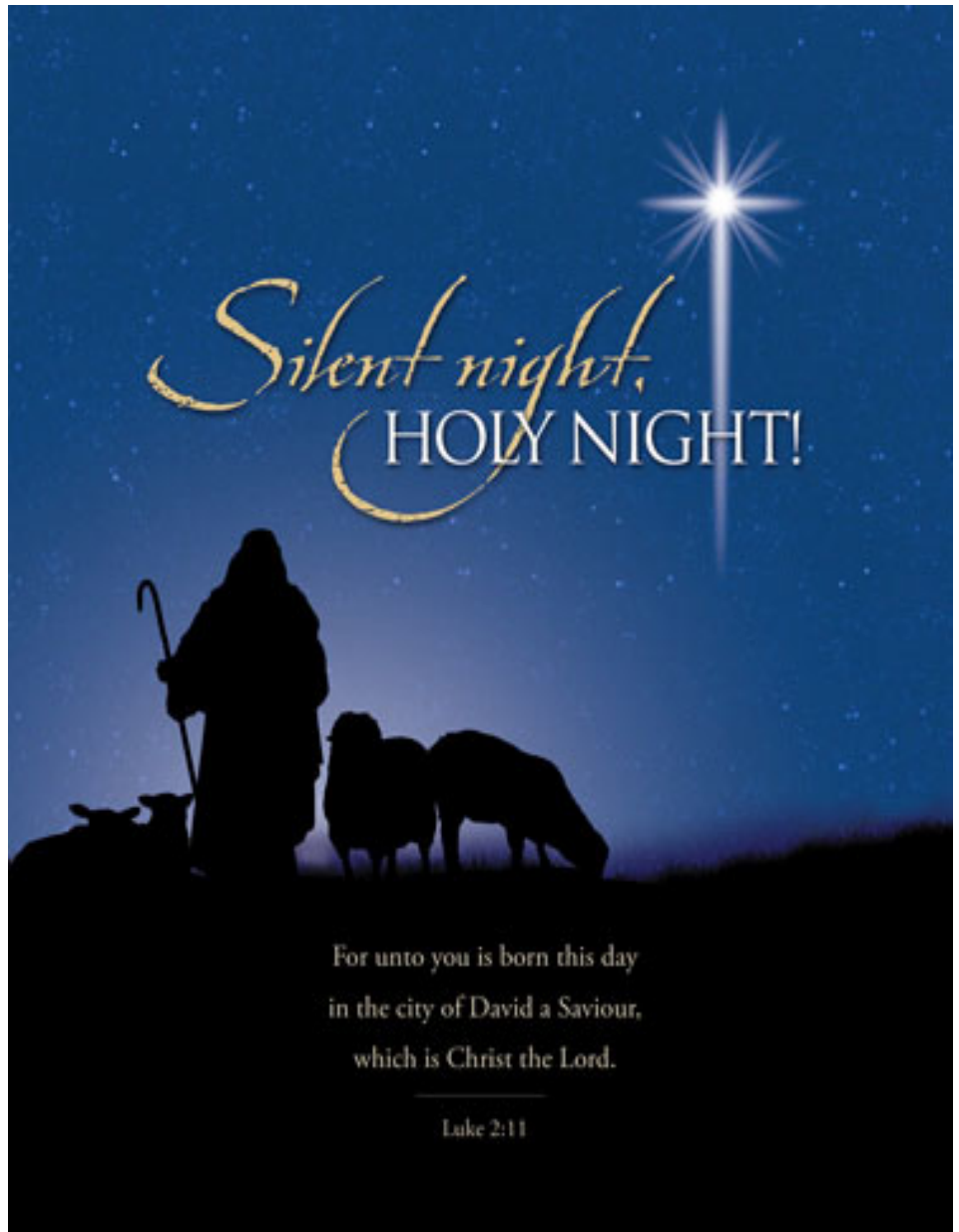
Contact the Parish Office if you,  
need to receive communion  
or Anointing of the Sick  
at home or in the hospital.

**Assisted listening devices  
available**

## **St. Perpetua School**

Contact the school office for  
enrollment (TK-8) and  
After School Program.

Tours by appointment call  
284-1640 or [skozel@csdo.org](mailto:skozel@csdo.org)



For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

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**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday—Friday**  
**7:30 am—4:00 pm**





### TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Fliflet, Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Caroline Bancroft, Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Karen Zapotowski, Orlando Portillo, Jenny and Norma Carosella, Alex McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Thomas Bond, Betty Magnoli, Carol Farrell Raffa, Terry Osburn, Dylan Cazin, Peter Welch, Bryan Inderrieden, Chris Clogher and Irwin Mettler.

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

### Fourth Sunday of Advent And The Nativity of the Lord

There are so many things I long for each of you this Christmas. Here are a few:

I want you to be visited by an angel. I want you to know that you have found favor with God. I want you to feel so strengthened and empowered by God's nearness that you could walk the same ninety miles that Mary walked, just to tell someone you love that God has broken through.

I want you, like the shepherds keeping watch that night, to have moments of wonder. I hope that you are astonished by God's power to heal, to console, to bring life from death, and yes, to set hosts of angels in the sky who have probably been standing watch there from the beginning of time, waiting for you to notice their song.

I want you, like Mary, to hold closely in your heart every moment when God did something astonishing and bewildering and soul-soaring. And especially when those moments come to you through encounters with people who don't look or live like you, remember how smelly and rough those shepherds must have seemed to the Holy Family. I want you, like St. Joseph, to love the people you love so faithfully and fiercely that they know one thing for sure, that you are their safe place to land even when everything and everyone is against them.

I want you, like the Child Jesus, to be brave if you are placed in unfamiliar and frightening situations this year. In the beginning was the Light. It shines in the darkness. And that darkness shall never overcome you.

*How will you, like Mary, let God astonish you?*

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PERPETUA DECEMBER 24, 2017 - DECEMBER 31 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 THROUGH FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

#### Sunday—Christmas Eve Masses

**4:00 pm, Stanley Middle School**

6:30 pm & 10:00 pm, St. Perpetua Church

9:30 pm, Caroling, St. Perpetua Church

#### Monday—Christmas Day Masses

9:30 am, St. Perpetua Church

11:30 am, St. Perpetua Church

#### Sunday—December 31

**Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am**

**Monday, January 1—Mass 9:30 am, Chapel**

### Capital Campaign Contributions and Year-End Giving Options

With construction of the new Parish Community Center underway, completing Capital Campaign pledges is now a top priority. While many have already completed their initial pledges, others are making periodic payments, and a few have yet to contribute to the project – we want to remind everyone there is a great way to simultaneously contribute to the Capital Campaign AND receive income tax benefits.

#### Gifts of Appreciated Securities in 2017 Can Benefit You and St. Perpetua

With the year racing to a close, time is running short for anyone planning to make a year-end charitable contribution to the St. Perpetua Capital Campaign. With the stock market at record highs, investors with appreciated securities have enhanced giving opportunities. The full value of an appreciated security may be deductible for income tax purposes if given to St. Perpetua this year AND without reduction by any capital gains tax. This can truly leverage your gift and minimize your taxes. And remember - consult your own tax advisor on what makes the most financial sense for you.

#### Over 70½ and want to minimize taxes by having your 2017 IRA Minimum Distribution paid directly to St. Perpetua?

Are you older than 70½ ? Do you need to take a 2017 Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA before year end? Tired of paying a big chunk of that in taxes? Consider having some or all of it paid directly from your IRA to St. Perpetua before year end and the amount will be counted toward satisfying your 2017 Required Minimum Distribution AND will not be taxed to you. Consult with your own tax advisors to make sure this make sense for you, and contact the Parish Office or visit [www.stperpetua.org](http://www.stperpetua.org) for more information on how to make these year-end distributions. (Note: different rules will apply for SEP IRAs and Simple IRAs)

# Saint Perpetua Advent Outreach BY THE NUMBERS

1860



meals served by our  
teens at St. Anthony's  
Dining Room in  
San Francisco

100



shelter meals  
prepared for  
North Concord  
Shelter

40



Thanksgiving meals  
collected for  
Monument Crisis  
Center

Thank you to our  
community for  
your generosity  
and for living out  
our mission this  
Advent season.



500

pairs of socks purchased  
and toiletry supplies  
collected to prepare over  
250 bags for ANKA of  
Contra Costa to distribute  
to people without homes

700

pairs of socks  
collected and prepared  
250 greeting cards for  
Monument Crisis  
Center



Sang Christmas  
Carols at the Moraga  
Royale Retirement  
Community

100

gifts  
collected for  
Samaritan  
House



16

people in Oakland,  
adults and children,  
who have lost a loved  
one to gun violence  
celebrated a happier  
Christmas after  
receiving gifts from  
St. Perpetua