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
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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.

JANUARY 14, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

In today’s first reading, Samuel hears the Lord’s voice, but mistakes it for Eli’s. Fortunately, Eli is familiar enough with the ways of the Lord to help Samuel make his response.

As we seek the Lord, it is good to have someone like Eli who is familiar with the Lord’s voice. There are many voices that bid us “Follow this way,” and the Lord’s call is not always easy to discern. There are people, too, who would pretend to know the Lord and draw others to themselves rather than to God.

Eli could have taken advantage of Samuel’s naïveté and claimed it was he who had summoned Samuel. But Eli claims neither to be God nor to speak for God. Instead, he encourages Samuel to listen for himself.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Perhaps the most profound line in all of today’s readings is Jesus’ question of the two disciples who begin to follow him. “What are you looking for?” he asks plainly and directly.

Finding the Messiah was partly a matter of what one was looking for. If one lived with the expectation of the Messiah’s coming, there would be a certain alertness, a certain watchfulness to life, and a certain openness to God’s movements. The two disciples had followed John the Baptizer, but as soon as John pointed to Jesus, they were ready to follow him.

It has been said that what we find in life is pretty much what we have sought. “What are you looking for?” is a challenging question for each of us to ask of ourselves. Our honest answer to this question can reveal much about our faith and our values. Those who, like Andrew and the other disciple, are looking for the Messiah will find the Messiah, dwelling now, as then, among the people. “Come and see!”

Today’s Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20; John 1:35–42

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Teens – To prepare for the week, reflect on these two questions: (1) Think of a time when you misheard a friend or parent. Why did you hear them incorrectly? Were you expecting something different to be said? What made you realize you hadn’t heard them correctly? (2) What does it mean to you to have a friend “be there” for you? What’s the difference between friends who only show up when fun things are happening, or they need something, and friends who are there in rough times too?

Today at Mass in the first reading we hear that Samuel tells God that he is listening, but we do not hear what God had to say to him. What do you think God said to Samuel? The Responsorial Psalm (40) “Here I am Lord: I come to do your will.” – How do you do God’s will at school? With your friends? With your family? In the greater community or the world? These are the challenges Scripture presents and that make our faith come alive for us.

This week in Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua we will continue work to see the world in a new way, based on our faith tradition.

Youth Group gathers next on Tuesday, January 16 for a look at what makes your faith exciting.

Confirmation Candidates gather next on Sunday, January 21 for a look at relationships.

This week, pay attention to all of your various relationships and see how people “show up” for you. Also look for ways you can say “Here I am” to your friends and family.

Questions, send an e-mail: gguerrero@stperpetua.org and Gary will respond to you.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Crab Feed
The Knights of Columbus annual Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the St. Monica’s Peace Room in Moraga (1001 Camino Pablo). Appetizers and no-host beverages will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and will include salad, pasta, French bread, fresh cracked crab and dessert. Chicken is available when ordered in advance.

Tickets are $60 each and 100% of all funds raised go to Bay Area charities. Tickets must be reserved and paid for in advance and are non-refundable. This is always a popular event, so make your reservation NOW by calling Stephanie Anderson at (925)946-9003. After your call send your check to her at 815 Arnold Dr. #3, Martinez, CA 94553.

Winter Nights 2018
St Perpetua will again partner with Orinda Community Church to serve the clients of Winter Nights shelter this winter. We are responsible for the dates Tuesday, February 6 - Monday, February 12th. As in the past, there will be opportunities to donate food items, money & gift cards, help cook & serve food, homework assistance, activities with the children, sleep overnight, etc, Please stop by our table outside after Mass to sign up.

If you have any questions please call either Jan Saillard at 847.736.0419 or Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.284.8130.

Quote of the Week by Martin Luther King, Jr
"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing that it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Martin Luther King, Jr. "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?"

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Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Help End Child Sex Trafficking
January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Exploitation of children includes sex trafficking, which takes place in every place imaginable across urban, suburban, and rural communities. Learn how you can make a difference by attending Day Star Mentor & Volunteer Training Orientation taking place Wednesday, January 17, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Catholic Charities of the East Bay, 433 Jefferson Street, Oakland. RSVP or learn more by emailing Joy Thompson, Program Coordinator, at joythompson@ceeb.org
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Friendly Manor Volunteer Opportunity
Are you available and interested in helping serve lunch at Friendly Manor in Oakland on Friday, January 26th? Looking for a couple more people for this date, with a time commitment from 10:30 – 1:30. We will meet at St. Perpetua’s upper parking lot and carpool. If you are interested, please contact Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.284.8130 for details or if you are interested in being put onto a list of those who wish to serve in the future.

The Story and You
Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

How are you sleeping these days? Do you nod off and sleep easily through the night? Or do you, like the child Samuel, often awake with the sense that you are being called, and then can’t get back to sleep until you finally acknowledge that it is God who is nudging you?

Maybe your dreams are where God is revealing a path for you. If you have a recurring dream—maybe the one where you forgot to go to class all semester and now it’s time to take the final, or ones as urgent as the dreams that alerted me to a ten-centimeter ovarian mass in 2004—it’s possible that God is using your subconscious to guide and heal you.

Then of course there is simply the tossing and turning that goes with finding night-time peace with day-time conflicts. How much longer can you bite your tongue at work? Will the new generation of graduates get the job you’ve excelled at for years? For that matter, will any of the older generation step aside so that your own kids can find meaningful work?

And speaking of the kids, do you lose sleep worrying that they aren’t happy, aren’t healthy, and will probably not carry on the faith that has sustained you your entire life? That’s a lot of sleep to lose over worries that have kept parents awake forever, including, most probably, your own.

But here’s the secret. In all your midnight wrestlings, God is there. It might be that God is aiding you in resolving problems. Or, just possibly, God is calling you. In that case, the only thing to do is to rouse yourself and say, “Speak, Lord. I’m listening.”

In what ways does God use your sleep to heal you?
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PERPETUA
JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 21
SECOND COLLECTION

SEMINARY

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Mass
Monday—MLK Day—Parish Office Closed
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Tuesday
Liturgy Cmte., 6:00 pm, Parish Office
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm, RRC
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, Kindergarten
Wednesday
Choir, 6:00 pm, RRC
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office
Thursday
Construction Meeting, 9:00 am, RRC
Friday
A Taste of Kindergarten, 9:00 am, RRC
Saturday
Bill Gardner’s Funeral, 10:00 am, Church
Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Mass
Faith Formation, 10:30 am, RRC
Teen Family/Youth Mass, 11:30 am, Church
Confirmation, Alpha Group, 4:30 pm, Chapel
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, RRC
Confirmation, Omega Group, 6:30 pm, Chapel

Mass Intentions
January 14—January 21

Sunday  8:00 am  Mass for the People
         9:30 am  Norman Z. Wong  ♠
Saturday 5:00 pm  Mass for the People
Sunday  8:00 am  Kit Wiggins  ♠
         9:30 am  Eleanor Muyo  ♠
         11:30 am  Kathleen Wyosnick  ♠

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 Mettz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzzone, Thomas Bond, Betty Magnoli, Carol Farrell Raffa, Terry Osburn, Dylan Cazin, Peter Welch, Bryan Inderrieden, Chris Clogher, Irwin Mettler and Catherine Lomasney.
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St. Perpetua Taste of Kindergarten
Friday, January 19 from 8:45am-10am
Incoming Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten age children and their parents are invited to get a “Taste of Kindergarten” for a morning.

◆ Visit Café Perpetua and enjoy a cup of coffee and fresh baked goods
◆ Enjoy a casual conversation with the principal and staff to learn more about our school and various programs
◆ Visit the Kindergarten classroom with your child to experience a short lesson and project
◆ Take a tour of school

Register for this event at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da4ae2bab9-taste

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