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.

February 11, 2018 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
Dear Friends,

I am happy to be back with you after spending some time in Mexico City and Merida, Mexico in the Yucatan Peninsula. It was a culturally rewarding trip, highlighted by the ordination to the priesthood of Erik Jorge, a young Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, who grew up in the Mayan villages outside Merida and whose introduction to the Oblates and inspiration for priesthood can be credited to Fr. Bill Auth. Among the high points of the trip were the personal tours that Fr. Bill provided of some of the ancient Mayan ruins, especially Dzibilchaltun and Uxmal. I was able to accompany him to several of the Mayan villages which your generosity and our parish tithing program have supported for the past twenty years. There I saw firsthand the after school tutoring programs for elementary children and met some of the college students for whom our St. Perpetua community has provided scholarship funds for their ongoing education.

Erik’s ordination took place in the 15th century Cathedral Church of Merida. Although I don’t speak Spanish and didn’t understand the words that I heard, the universality of the symbols of our Catholic faith – the altar and ambo, the incense and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, the sharing of the bread and wine of the Eucharist – transcended language and culture and made all who attended “one in the Spirit and in the mind and heart of Christ.” Fr. Bill Auth will be here with us the weekend of February 24/25 to seek our support. He’ll have much more to say about the wonderful ordination and the good work that goes on in the Maya Missions.

This weekend is the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, a critical way to support the greater ministry of the Church that goes beyond our own parish needs. Please be generous in your response. If everyone offers something to the Appeal we would easily make our parish goal. Last year we were almost there (96.11%). Let’s do our best to reach 100% this year.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Rite of Sending to Election

At the 11:30 Mass this weekend, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending the catechumens and candidates to their election and recognition by Bishop Barber on February 17. This rite offers our parish community the opportunity to express our approval of the catechumens and candidates and to send them forth to the celebration of election assured of our care and support. Please keep the following adults in your prayers as they begin the final stages of preparation for full communion with the Church: Suzanne Argenal, Shelly Davalos, Kevin Hamilton, Riley Fike and Jamie Smith.

Altar Server Training

If you’re in 4th grade or older and would like to become an altar server please join us for our next training on Sunday, February 11 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm in the church. RSVPs are requested to Christoph by February 5.

Welcome into the Catholic Community

Congratulations! This weekend we welcome the following child into our parish community through the waters of Baptism:

Kaleb Robert Gleason-Dick
son of Dan & Colleen Dick

May our community embrace Kaleb and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for him. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

Shoes That Fit

The Outreach Committee is beyond grateful for your willing and generous support of our Shoes That Fit Program. The weekend after Ash Wednesday, on February 17/18, we will have another list of students in need of new, sturdy, athletic shoes (no solid red please) posted on our bulletin board in the vestibule at all the Masses. This could be a Lenten opportunity to give to the kids at Willow Cove Elementary School in Pittsburg. We know that it can be a sacrifice of time and money on your part, but we can only imagine the smile on a child's face as they open the box and find new shoes!

Food Basket

Just a quick reminder that next weekend, February 10/11 will be the monthly food collection. Please bring Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce.

Please note drop off locations during construction:
1. by School Office door
2. by Parish Office door NOT at Church!

MANY THANKS to all parishioners who have participated in the monthly food collections to the St. P. Food Basket. Your contributions over the past years have been such a blessing to individuals and families serviced by two caring agencies: Monument Crisis Center and Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi (sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul).

Tour to Ireland and Scotland!

Sr. Joanne Gallagher will be leading another enjoyable tour to Ireland and Scotland in August 2018. For More details call Sr. Joanne at 925-989-3862.
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Readings for the Week

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The Story and You

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I’ve had so many, many graced times in my life, but some of the most meaningful surround the hundreds of couples with whom I’ve worked to plan beautiful music for their weddings. The brides were all beautiful, it seems, but today’s gospel brings one straight back into my heart. She was a blonde, blue-eyed southern beauty. She worked out rigorously so as to wear that stunning size-two wedding dress. All of her friends sharing this day with her were equally gorgeous, equally starved, equally perfectly manicured and massaged and coiffed.

And on her wedding day this ebullient, lovely bride—in love with her groom and in love with Jesus—arrived with an oozing, raging fever blister on her upper lip. No make-up could hide it. No one could pretend it wasn’t there. Except, of course, this darling bride. She greeted each guest with the warmth and confidence of someone who knows she is loved totally, inside and out. She introduced her handsome groom around the room. He was as smitten and adoring as on any of their perfect, made-for-tv dates.

I’ll never forget her. She taught me, through her vulnerability, that our “leprosies” can challenge the perfection we think we’re presenting to the world. She seemed to understand this deep truth: we are loved—wildly, madly—anyway. The Bridegroom knows our deeper, hidden scars. The Healer wants to touch the raging cold sores in our souls. He wants to heal our resentments, our heartbreaks, our addictions.

Some leprosies erupt today and are gone tomorrow. But the real lesions are the ones we carry inside. So here’s the question: do we want to be healed? Oh yes, God, yes. Would today be too soon?

Can you remember a time when a superficial disfigurement brought you to a deeper love of Christ?
Kathy McGovern ©2018 www.thestoryandyou.com

This Week at St. Perpetua
February 11 - February 17

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Faith Formation, 10:30 am, RRC/School
Teen/Youth Mass, 11:30 am
Altar Server Training, 12:30 pm, Church
Confirmation, Alpha Group, 4:30 pm, Chapel
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, RRC/School
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Omega Group, Chapel

Monday
Task Force Meeting, 12 pm, Parish Office
Preparing Our Hearts, 7:00 pm, Church
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Ash Wednesday (Please see schedule below)
Choir, 6 pm, RRC
RCIA, 7 pm, Parish Office
Youth Group/Confirmation, 7 pm, Church

Thursday
Construction Meeting, 9:15 am, RRC

Saturday
Silent Saturdays, 9:00 am, Chapel
Small Faith, 10 am, Parish Office

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Collection will be taken for Operation Rice Bowl!
8:30 a.m. - Eucharist & Distribution of Ashes
11:00 a.m. - Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes
(families with children in faith formation (CCD) are encouraged to participate)
3:30 p.m. - Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes
teens will participate, open to ALL

Mass Intentions
February 10—February 18

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Together We Pray For The Sick
Chris Fliflet, Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Karen Zapotowski, Orlando Portillo, 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, Bryan Inderrieden, Chris Clogher, Irwin Mettler and Catherine Lomasney.
LIVING LENT LIKE YOU MEAN IT

...do something special for yourself, your family/friends and your world - find a little more meaning in your faith this Lent.

❖ Learn ❖ ADULT EDUCATION EVENT ❖
500 YEARS OF REFORMATION AND 2000 YEARS OF REFORM - Catholics and Protestants Striving for God
A presentation by parishioner, Dr. Zach Flanagan, Theology & Religious Studies Instructor at St. Mary's College
Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. in the RRC or Monday, March 12, 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel
On this 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, we will explore how far we have come in mutual understanding, shared beliefs and ecumenical engagement.

❖ Grow ❖ ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES ❖
DYNAMIC CATHOLIC at https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever
This daily email program will guide you on a 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself.

CENTER FOR ACTION AND CONTEMPLATION at https://cac.org/
Fr. Richard’s meditations will help you rediscover Christianity’s essential, contemplative teachings and rebuild your spirituality “From the Bottom Up.”

ST. PERPETUA RESOURCES at http://stperpetua.org/resources-1
“Keeping the Seasons” is a weekly handout full of ideas, inspiration, tradition and Scripture. You’ll find a prayer, a beautiful illustration and a reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings.

LOYOLA PRESS at https://goo.gl/vqqGc9
Spend a few minutes each day of Lent with the “Living Lent Daily” series.

❖ Pray ❖ WITH OUR COMMUNITY ❖
DAILY EUCHARIST...Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
Join with fellow parishioners each morning for a beautiful experience of the Mass in a smaller, intimate setting. Reflect on the scripture of the day and bring your personal prayer intentions to the Lord.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE...Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Gather with your brothers and sisters of the parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will examine our hearts, listen to the Word of God and pledge ourselves to grow deeper in faith, hope, and love. Several priests will be available for individual confessions.

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS
Meet weekly with fellow parishioners in private homes for the six weeks of Lent to reflect on the Lenten scriptures and explore with others how to put your faith into practice.
Groups available: Sundays at 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., or Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

For more information contact Christoph Nauer at the Parish Office.