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.

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

Blessings on the Feast of Pentecost and the conclusion of the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season. With the coming of the Holy Spirit the promises of the Risen Lord are fulfilled on our behalf. It’s important to keep in mind that the Spirit is not bestowed as a private possession. While Pentecost is called the “birthday of the Church,” the Spirit gives us our mission as followers of Jesus: to bring together people of “every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Christ the Lord.” That unity is illustrated in the following story.

As participants in a cultural exchange program, Alan Abramowitz and his family in Midland, Texas, hosted a rabbi and his family from Russia. Eager to introduce their guests to as many interesting experiences as possible, the Abramowitz family invited the rabbi and his family to their favorite Chinese restaurant. Thoroughly enjoying himself, the rabbi spoke enthusiastically about the wonders of this new world when compared with the bleak conditions of his homeland. At the end of the meal, the waiter brought the customary fortune cookies and the check and, since it was near Christmas, he presented each of the dinner guests with a small brass tree ornament.

Everyone laughed when Abramowitz pointed out that the ornaments were stamped “Made in India.” But the laughter soon subsided when they saw that the rabbi had begun to cry. Concerned for his guest, Abramowitz inquired if the rabbi were offended at being offered a gift for a Christian holy day. At that, he smiled, shook his head and said, “I am shedding tears of sheer joy to be in such a place in which a Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!”

In his account of the gift of the Spirit which we read in the Acts of the Apostles, it is obvious that Luke wished to inspire similar joy in his readers and to stir in them an appreciation for the universal nature of the church. Luke’s listing of the diverse nations represented in Jerusalem reads like a cavalcade of the then-known peoples from east to west and north to south. Distant from one another geographically, culturally and linguistically, all these diverse peoples shared in the same experience of the Spirit. That experience created a unity among them that would otherwise not have existed. May the power of the Holy Spirit enable us to be bearers of “good news,” harbingers of peace and people who strive to bring the spirit of community we share here at St. Perpetua’s to everyone we encounter.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Rite of Sending Forth
At the 5:00 pm Mass this weekend we celebrate the sending forth of our newly initiated. During these days of Easter they have completed the public Christian Initiation process. They have given witness to their faith in testimony and action and have become an integral part of this community. Their initiation is not an end, but rather a beginning, not a welcome home, but a sending forth. Congratulations to Suzanne Argenal, Shelly Davalos, Kevin Hamilton, Riley Fike and Jamie Smith.

Our Community Is 'Being The Good'

Thank you to the 7th Grade, who coordinated a school-wide Food Drive for Monument Crisis Center. 475 high-protein items were collected for the Center! A group of 7th grade students delivered the food to MCC and had a tour of the Center and all of the great things that happen there!

There was great participation from all classes, but 4th grade had the highest number of donations at 82! They will enjoy a popsicle party after Easter break!

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Collection This Weekend
We are called by Pope Francis “to go to the margins” and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our Church’s charitable arm, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, to “make all things possible” for those on the margins. Your gift makes it possible for our Church to help people facing difficult circumstances so that they can move forward in life with greater independence. This includes our children who face pervasive violence at school, home, or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. Please give generously to this appeal today.

Faith Formation
Our Faith Formation season ended with our First Eucharist Mass on May 6. This year 225 children participated in faith formation from 1st through 5th grade. We are thankful to the team of volunteers who led the children each week as catechists. Our community is very grateful for you!


Mass on the Grass
We are happy to announce that we will be celebrating Mass on the Grass due to our construction beginning June 23/24 through mid-August. The Parish Staff and the Liturgy Committee are working to make the liturgical experience both prayerful and enjoyable. Over the past few years, we have had numerous occasions when Mass was celebrated outdoors under St. Perpetua Pavilion on the upper field. We have ample parking on the upper lot and shade.

Contra Costa County Fire Department is requiring that we add sprinklers to our church building. This is a fire safety requirement and an important one. The installation of the sprinkler system will require that the church be closed for several weeks during the summer. At this time we will also complete utility trenching throughout the construction area making access to the church impossible. While it will be an inconvenience, summertime is the best possible time for this part of the project to happen. More details to follow.

Nursery/Child Care During 9:30 Mass
It is not in the nature of toddlers to sit still during Mass. As such, we’d like to offer childcare for youngsters 4 years or younger. We’re currently looking for people who’d like to assist with this program. Time commitment would be about 90 min on Sundays. This is ideal for high school and college students or parents whose children are grown. Please contact Christoph at the Parish Office if interested.

The Poor People Campaign
A National Call for Moral Revival is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted morality. To learn more please visit https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/index.php/audit/
PRAYER
FOR THE COMING
OF
THE SPIRIT AT
PENTECOST

Spirit of God,
Lord and Giver of Life,
moving between us and around us,
like wind or water or fire;
breathe into us your freshness that we may awake;
cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly;
kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply;
and give us the courage to live
as you would have us live,
through Christ our Lord. Amen!

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Fliflet, Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Orlando Portillo, Alex McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Terry Osburn, Dylan Cazin, Bryan Inderrieden, Sr., Chris Clogher, Irwin Mettler, Catherine Lomasney, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf and Sharon Flower.

Mass Intentions
May 19, 2018—May 27, 2018

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St. Perpetua
2018 Confirmation Group

Confirmed May 19, 2018, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light by Bishop Michael C. Barber

Ruth Cecilia Abranches
* Nathan Moritz

Juliet Elizabeth Adams (+)
* Alessa Caraveo

Murphy Ryan “Michael” Baker
* Patrick Murphy

Sean Michael Barry
* Steven Carbone

Nathan Michael “Anthony” Bashant – Coon
* Patricia Bashant

Angel Gabriel Beltran
* Magdalena Betron

Sophia Noelle Bicomong
* Judith Montiego

Katherine Grace Buckley
* Joelle Pehanick

Jack Thomas “Peter” Byers
* Mary Aschieris

Robert James Cain
* Charles Ettari

Emma Theresa Chappell
* Felicia Barbalinardo

Dominic Drew “Franzis” Curcuro
* Tiern Pickett

Angeleeka Estacio David
* Sarah Becker

Kai Alexander De La Cruz
* Rita Izen

Helana Marie Devine
* Colleen Devine

Sean Jabbar “John” Donovan
* Foster Jones

Jack Gandolph Drey
* Marzi Darish

Nathan Alan Enrici
* Kaitlyn Enrici

Nicholas Jacob “John” Faoro
* Rachel Faoro

Skyllen Antonio “Anthony” Fernandes
* Ingrid Fernades

Benjamin Elias Fromer
* Richard Garcia
Natalie Rose Goodwin
* Lori Stull

Jane Paul Guadarrama
* Lori Lane

Mary Elizabeth Heffelfinger
* Stephanie Toovey

Margaret Grace “Brigid” Heiskell
* Renee DeWensey Moran

Erin Aileen Hemmervay
* Julie Glidden

Kaylin Jeannette Hiatt
* Kelly Doggs

Hannah Frances “Elizabeth” Hoffman
* Michelle Thomas

James Rene Jolin
* Damien Paoneva

Thomas Hulett Judson V
* Caroline Kennedy

Mallory Mae Elizabeth Louis
* Abby Arzen

Samantha Anne Marchetti
* Dante Williams

Christian James Markey
* Jacob Litow

Christine Marie Massoni
* Samantha Massoni

Genevieve Ellen McKenzie
* David Chen

Reese Patricia “Joan of Arc” Main
* Patricia Boschetti

William Garrett Milosevich
* John Christopher Wackowski

Peter Nicholas Milosevich
* Rosie Bartholomew

Kendall Maurielle “Bernadette” Monkarsh
* Erin Hilbert

Claire Madeleine “Bernadette” Mueller
* Franciska Acevedo

Sarah Marguerite Naughten
* Mary Tarczynski

Pablo Danh Nguyen (+)
* Cassie Nguyen

Peter Hamel O’Donnell
* Jack O’Donnell

Jazmine Camille “Agatha of Styly” Oncena
* Jonathan Edward Oncena

Sampson “Thomas” Paonessa
* Patrick Jolin

David Emilio “Jofelito” Pena
* Ana Maria Pena

Alexandria Mary Pritchard
* Kristen Marco-Neely

Oliver Burke Rotundo
* Chet Chappell

Isabella Salinas
* Vincent Tanschuling

Elle Price “Rose of Lima” Silvarra
* Kate Mundy

Leah Morgan Sopak
* Lauren Sopak

Lauren Elizabeth Stadt
* Anita Irwin

Danielle Trapp
* Jenna Landry

Annabelle Vasconia
* Amy Semansky

Sarah Anne Vranesh [+]
* Kate Schirmer

Ethan Doyle Wells
* Mark Elizalde

* Sponsors

(+1) Confirmed at either Christ the King, St. Francis of Assisi (+), or Holy Spirit Church (+)