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.

Jesus summoned the Twelve
and began to send them out
two by two and gave them
authority over unclean spirits.
Mark 6:7
Dear Friends,

Have you found that God’s providence and grace work in unexpected ways? That has certainly been true for our St. Perpetua Community this summer. What started out as a potential inconvenience and burden – moving our weekend liturgies outdoors due to the installation of a county-mandated fire sprinkler system in the Church – has turned out to be a time of grace and goodness for all of us who have participated in the first few experiences of “Mass on the Grass.” Comments from parishioners have validated that fact for me. One parishioner’s email said: Sending you a quick note to let you know how wonderful it is having Mass outside. It is such an intimate setting. I feel a stronger sense of community and closeness with people I always see in church but never talk to. I loved it! Another long-time member said that he never felt more connected with the community than at the morning liturgy under the Pavilion. For me, the experience of presiding and preaching in our “outdoor Cathedral” offered an amazing feeling of togetherness and focus.

The spatial arrangement of the assembly that we opted for is the same arrangement we have had in our daily Mass Chapel for twenty years. It’s called “antiphonal” or “monastic” seating, as opposed to what most of us are used to in long and narrow churches where a small number of people are close to the sanctuary, while the majority are further away the further back you sit in the church. In our current outdoor arrangement no one is at a great distance from the altar and ambo (lectern). This format allows for a clearer experience of the two “Tables” that define our Catholic liturgy – the Table of the Word from which the scriptures are proclaimed and the Table of the Eucharist from which our meal with Christ is shared. These are the two “presences” of the Risen Lord – Word and Sacrament. But there is also an equally significant “real presence of Christ” which this outdoor summer experience is providing us. As we sit across from one another and can see each other’s faces and hear each other’s voices, we experience the true presence of Christ in one another. The Letter of John says: If you won’t love the person you can see, how can you love the God you can’t see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both. (1 John 4:20-21) Continue to enjoy our weekend worship and see the presence of Christ in each other. Bring a neighbor or friend along. Share the joy of what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ and the People of God.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens off to college this Fall – St. Perpetua invites all college-bound students in our parish to attend Mass Saturday, August 11 or Sunday, August 12 for a special “going away” blessing. At the liturgies we will offer our prayers and support to you as you venture in further pursuit of developing your gifts. Families come for the special blessing and to say good-bye to friends met through school and youth ministry here at St. Perpetua.

Sunday evening August 12 we will gather teens going off to college for a special going away youth group and prayer. Look for details in an email and in future bulletins.

For teens in high school, our day-to-day lives can be busy and hectic, and sometimes overwhelming. Juggling family, school, sports, school, community-related organizations (scouts, theater, social clubs), and work can be a huge challenge. Sometimes we just need to slow down and gain some insight about what and who help us grow as a person using our faith as the foundation for the response. Teens have this opportunity during the week at St. Perpetua Youth Group gatherings, and for those who would like to prepare for Confirmation, we gather on Sunday evenings. In both Youth Group and Confirmation gatherings all high school youth have the opportunity to work together to understand our faith, to pray, to learn from each other, to meet other teens, and to have fun!

Why join other teens at St Perpetua? We take time to understand and practice our faith as a part of the larger community and the Church. Here are a few examples of our focus for the coming year:

- Ways to Celebrate What is Right With The World
- Discovering our Gifts
- Social Justice through feeding and being with the poor
- Understanding the Sacraments
- The Ten Commandments – Updated for today’s teens
- Helping others through community service work – Food Bank

At the end of July go to St. Perpetua’s website for registration forms and the Youth Group and Confirmation calendars. Paper copies will be available in the Parish Office and after Masses. Youth Group starts Wednesday, September 19. For Confirmation, there are four different information nights to choose from on our preparation for the Sacrament: Wednesday September 5, Thursday, September 6, Sunday, September 9, and Monday, September 10 at 7:30 pm in the RRC.

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 minutes 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.

Safe Environment
Protecting God’s Children
Safe Environment training for adults, children and youth is a concrete way we as a church can recognize situations of potential abuse and give our children the tools they need to stay safe and protect themselves from those who would do them harm. Working together we create a culture of protection and healing. All children in faith formation, youth ministry and Catholic schools are required to train annually in Safe Environment. Diocesan policy requires Safe Environment training every three years for every adult engaged in ministry, and fingerprinting for those who have direct, ongoing contact with children. All other volunteers (those not required to fingerprint) are screened through Megan’s law annually. If you have trained on Virtus you will be notified by email when to recertify. If you have not trained on Virtus you must train beginning **July 1, 2018** and have completed the certification no later than **October 1, 2018**.

Please go online to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Diana Bitz at 510-267-8315 or dbitz@oakdiocese.org or Arlene Connors at 925-283-0272 or aconnors@stperpetua.org.

Faith Formation and Team
The Faith Formation and Team offices are now closed for summer break. Please check the website for our Fall calendar and curriculum. Registration will be emailed to all currently enrolled families by the end of July. For questions or to be added to the email registration list please contact Kristine at kristine@stperpetua.org. Thank you for a great year of learning and sharing our faith. Happy Summer!

Adults Need Summer Camp, Too!
San Damiano Retreat in Danville invites you to come away and contemplate during these dog days of summer:

- **July 22-27:** “The World Will Be Saved by Beauty” Silent Contemplative Retreat with Fr. Dan Riley, OFM
- **July 27-29:** “The Beatitudes: Jesus’ 8-Step Program for Happiness” Silent Retreat with Fr. Patrick Foley
- **July 28:** Christian Meditation Day with Claire LaScola, Donna Lack, and June Pangelinan.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141.
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's that time of year again. Our sweet, gentle priest-friends from Juarez are here in Denver, visiting us and talking in some parishes about their work at the seminary there. They’re staying at the gracious Colorado Vincentian Volunteers (CVV) house downtown, and every single thing anyone does for them is the kindest thing anyone has ever done.

This morning after breakfast I wondered why they weren’t moving. It was time to go off on a little trip to the mountains, but they were each lined up, waiting to give me a hug and a kiss and to thank me for the BEST breakfast they had ever had.

They break your hearts, these guys. They are super educated professors at the seminary there, but they live as simply as their poorest parishioners. When I lined up water bottles for them to carry through the hot Denver streets they were incredulous. A water bottle—with our delicious, clean, safe Denver water—for each of them!

It reminded me of Jesus and his friends. They, too, left on those hot desert roads without any of the comforts we think we need. No water bottle, no backpack, no hotel reservation. The urgency of the gospel compelled them out, away from everyone they knew, into the dangerous byways of the Roman world.

Where on earth does one find such simplicity anymore? I find it in our visitors from Juarez, one of the world’s poorest cities, that continues to produce salt for the earth and light for the world. And, of course, these friends from our southern border brought beautiful gifts from their parishes to all of us.

Sometimes I have to turn away; the tears are just too close. **Who are the people in your life who remind you of Jesus and his friends?**

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Christian Initiation of Adults: Part 2

The Christian Initiation of Adults is the normal way in which adults and children over the age of 7 become active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

At first the adult inquirer may accept a Catholic friend's invitation to join him or her at the Sunday Eucharist. The inquirer's first attraction toward the Church may be deepened a little bit more by the first experience of prayer with Catholics. He or she may welcome the chance to stay and chat with the parishioners to whom he or she is introduced. In time, the inquirer will experience the fellowship of many Catholics, and will meet other adults who are also inquiring about the faith.

Parish staff members and religious educators will join the inquirers in the parish meeting room or the homes of their Catholic friends for fellowship, shared meals and prayer. When they operate as a team in this way, the parishioner and other staff are generally called the initiation team.

Please share this information with family members, neighbors and friends who may be interested in being baptized and becoming Catholic. Bring them to church with you or invite them to call the Parish Office at 283-0272.

Any parishioner who is interested in being a sponsor or a part of the initiation team - people who welcome and assist adults who desire to enter the church and be baptized - should call Christoph Nauer at 283-0272, ext. 203.

(to be continued).

Mass Intentions

**July 14, 2018—July 22, 2018**

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