Eucharist
Daily Mass
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies
Summer Schedule
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30
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.

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.

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.

Assisted listening devices
available

I am the living bread
that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will
live forever.

John 6:51

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
The following homily from Pope Francis (7.2.18) has a lot to offer us for living a "happy" life:

Fr. John Kasper, OSFS

Pope Francis, Daily Homily, July 2, 2018

“You can have flaws, be anxious, and ever angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, and relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves.

To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no." It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes." It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry." It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you." It is to have the ability to say "I love you." May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness . . .

That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up. . . . Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.”
Faith Formation & TEAM Registration for our new year of Faith Formation is now available on our website! Our Faith Formation Handbook, class schedules and instructions for registering children from 1st through 8th grade can be found by visiting www.stperpetua.org. Returning and new students are asked to register no later than August 24, 2018. We look forward to another wonderful year of sharing our faith with you. Questions - contact: kristine@stperpetua.org

Youth Ministry

Teens, share the Good News with someone you meet this week. You might want to surprise someone with comforting words, let someone else win an argument, or help out with something unexpected. Be a messenger of God through your actions and words, even if it is inconvenient. Don’t worry about how others will receive you or whether or not you will be rewarded. Trust that God is with you and that you can make a difference in this world. God has your back, and sharing the love of God is reward enough.

St. Perpetua’s Youth Ministry welcomes teens into a loving, enduring, faith-filled community! Centering on coming to know Christ better and to make Christ better known, our youth ministry reaches teens at their varying levels of faith in five ways: Sacramental Preparation, Liturgical Celebrations, Personal Growth and Sharing through weekly Youth Group gatherings, retreats, and service opportunities. Youth Group and Confirmation start in September. Registration material is now available on line, by sending Gary an email at gguerrero@stperpetua.org, or by contacting the office.

Becoming Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Reach out and invite a friend or neighbor to explore membership in the Roman Catholic Church. On Monday, August 20, from 7-8 pm, in the parish office, we are going to offer an Inquiry Evening for people who would like to consider membership in the Church. It will be an informal session providing information about contemporary Catholicism and explaining the process by which an adult can become a member of the Church. It is intended for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination, but who are no longer formally affiliated with it, and for those who are not baptized, but are seeking answers to life’s important questions. Please contact Christoph at 283-0272 ext. 203 for more information.

Nursery/Child Care During 9:30 Mass

We’re currently looking for people who’d like to assist with a Nursery/Child Care 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.
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
What happened to Elijah after the angel sustained him with food and drink in the desert? We know that he then walked forty days and nights and arrived at Horeb in the desert.

If you’re thinking this all sounds familiar, good for you. Elijah—the precursor of John the Baptist, for those who have ears to hear—is desperate to escape Queen Jezebel and King Ahab, and all their empty works, and all their empty promises. So where does he wander? Right smack to the very spot where God appeared to Moses and the Israelites four hundred years earlier.

Jesus had the same sense of sacred geography. Immediately after his baptism he went straight to the Judean desert to do battle with the Prince of Lies. Elijah’s battle with the evil monarchy of his day might have been on his mind during his own forty days of struggle and Divine consolation.

So, where is your sacred place? Where is your point of rendezvous? Where is the place your car automatically goes to when you aren’t paying attention? Pay attention. That’s God, speaking to you in that deep center where astonishment and truth reside.

Or maybe you’ve forgotten where to go to connect with God. That is SO easy to do, isn’t it? The internet is so addicting.

Well, consider this: when he was struggling to face his inevitable death in Jerusalem, Jesus led Peter, James and John to another deserted place. And who showed up? Moses and Elijah. The great heroes of the past appeared to Jesus on that mountain. All three of them spent their lives rendezvousing with the Father in quiet places. They knew just where to find each other.

Where is your sacred place of rendezvous with God?
Kathy McGovern ©2018 www.thestoryandyou.com

Coffee & Donuts
Isn’t it wonderful to have a delicious cup of coffee and a donut waiting for you at Café Perpetua after the 9:30 Mass? This is only possible thanks to some wonderful and dedicated volunteers. Most of them have done it for many years. In order for this wonderful tradition to continue we need your help. Here is what you’d be doing: pick up donuts at Safeway, set up, make coffee & lemonade and clean up after. Coffee & Donuts will be back September 8/9.

You can do it once a month or less often, whatever your busy schedule allows. Please contact Christoph at the Parish Office if you’re willing to assist.

Avid Readers
Help the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales by BUYING YOUR BOOKS from the fund-raising library of 6,400 quality non-fiction used books of all sorts. Google search: oblate14 to get to DeSales Resources or go to www.oblate14.alibrisstore.com

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. 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 complete the training by October 1, 2018.

Please go online to 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.

Mass Intentions
August 11, 2018—August 19, 2018

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Together we pray for the sick
Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Charlotte Caimney, 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, Hamilton Coka, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, George Kalvass and Lesley Kirchman.
St. Perpetua Parish
Under One Roof Community Center Campaign News

August 11-12, 2018
Volume I, Issue II

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This is the second in our series of newsletters to keep the St. Perpetua Parish Family informed of the progress and activities of the Campaign for St. Perpetua Parish.

Over the coming months, our community will be invited to join together in support of our campaign, which has a goal of raising a minimum of $2.0 million to meet funding needs of our parish community center.

Read St. Perpetua Parish Campaign News every week for late-breaking news about the Campaign for St. Perpetua Parish.

St. Perpetua Parish
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Campaign Reaches 10% of Goal $202,000 Pledged

The results of our first campaign report are in! Over the past two weeks, eighteen parish families pledged their support to Phase II of our campaign, responding to our appeal for support. Current results are:

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Thank You For Your Support of Continuing Our Growth...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized

On behalf of the entire St. Perpetua Parish community, we extend our appreciation to these individuals & families for pledging their support to Continuing Our Growth...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized Campaign.

Anonymous
Larry & Susan Boliba
Edward Bennett
Betty Boyd
Ed & Marie Bouilla
Jean Brunson
Peter & Valerie Calihan
Thomas & Betty Coghlan
Jorge & Carrie Piqueredo

Roger & Janet Gregory
George & Karen Rose Kalvass
Knights of Columbus
Mary Beth Lamb
Wendy Letwich
Joan Lisson
Rita Mitchell
Mary O'Shea
Linda Tedjakusuma

Executive Committee Members
Mark Your Calendars for Our Second Meeting

Monday, August 13, 2018
7:00 PM
Faith Formation Resource Room

Fr. John Announces Appointment of Campaign Chairman

This week, Rev. John announced the appointment of the campaign's chairman, who will lead our parish-wide fund raising effort. According to Fr. John, “I am pleased to announce Tom Gilmore, a long-standing member of our parish community has graciously agreed to serve as chair of our campaign.”

Fr. John continued, “I am well aware of the significant commitment Tom and members of our Executive Committee are making to our Parish, and pledge my own personal commitment to the success of this parish-wide endeavor.”

Executive Committee Takes Charge of Campaign

Last Monday evening, the Campaign Executive Committee met for the first time, and accepted the challenge of guiding this undertaking to raise $20 million to meet the remaining costs associated with our soon to be complete community center.

According to Fr. John, “I am pleased to have these 17 men and women serving as members of our campaign team. Their collective 30+ years of involvement with our parish community will be an invaluable asset as we seek to raise the necessary funding to achieve our vision for St. Perpetua Parish.”

Tom Gilmore
Carl Anderson
Marie & Ed Bouilla
Bruce Brady
Monica Cheppel
Jerry Cole
Kelly Daggs
Trey Feistell
Lori Lane
Wendy Letwich
Tim Martini
Sean Moran
Royce & Virginia Paulsen
Rick Wise
Naomi Davis