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.

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Contact the Parish Office if you,
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or Anointing of the Sick
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Contact the school office for
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After School Program.
Tours by appointment call
284-1640 or skozel@csdo.org.

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are poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and heirs of the
kingdom that he promised to those
who love him?

James 2:5

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
An excerpt from the recent
Letter of Pope Francis
To the People of God
regarding the Clergy Abuse Crisis

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands…

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.
**FAITH FORMATION**

All parents with children grades 1st - 8th who are participating in the St. Perpetua Faith Formation program are invited to attend our Parent Back to School Meeting

September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Religious Resource Room

For more information, contact Kristine kristine@stperpetua.org

**Youth Ministry**

Welcome to a new year of Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua! I am thrilled to start the 2018 - 2019 year off and hope you will become part of, or continue with, Youth Ministry in our parish. Teens are an important and integral part of our parish community and in our ministry we affirm the gifts of our teens and help foster opportunities for them to share their gifts with the St. Perpetua parish and the larger community around us. Through a variety of programs, events and outreach, we draw our teens into responsible participation in the life, work, and mission of the parish community. Our goal is the continued forming of a young Christian community within the parish whereby teens can grow in their love of God and neighbor. St. Perpetua’s High School Youth Ministry is open to all students in the 9th-12th grades. Coming up for teens at St. Perpetua:

- **September 9 and 10** - Confirmation information evenings for candidates and parents continue.
- **Sunday, September 16** – Welcome at the 11:30 mass for new Confirmation Candidates; last year’s Confirmation Candidates invited and receive their Confirmation certificates.
- **Sunday, September 16** – This year’s Confirmation group gathers for the first time. We spend the time coming to know one another, and scope out the year
- **Wednesday, September 19** – Youth Group starts with our first evening of “Being a Catholic Teen in Today’s World.” Come for some fun and to join with other teens as we start the year together to discover our faith and how our faith can help us be the best version of ourself, by discovering and using the gifts God gave us. At the end of Wednesday night we conclude with an ice cream send off! If you are receiving this you are registered for youth group and you can look forward to weekly e-mails letting you know when we gather and our focus for the evening.

We have a great year ahead of us and you are an important part of it. I look forward to seeing you at our next youth ministry gathering. Enjoy your week. Drop me a line if you have any questions.

Gary F. Guerrero, Youth Minister

**Welcome into the Catholic Community**

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

**Roy Harrison Beverage**  
son of Steve & Rochelle Beverage

May our community embrace Roy 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!

**Food Basket**

Just a quick reminder that this weekend, September 8/9 will be the monthly food collection. Please bring Canned Meals – Pasta, Chili, Stew

**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).

**The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Celebration**

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary are celebrating 150 years of presence and ministry in California. Bishop Michael Barber will preside at a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 3:30pm. A reception will follow. All are welcome. Please RSVP to http://www.snjmca150.org

**Looking to Go Solar**

The Parish is reviewing a diocesan sponsored solar program. We are looking for a few parishioners to review this plan with us. If you are interested contact Wendy Levich at 283-0272, ext. 207.

**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.
Did you ever notice that so many of the people who are healed in the gospels have someone who loves them who brings them to the Healer? We don’t know the names of those who brought the deaf man to Jesus, but let’s look at them for a moment. Imagine they have heard that Jesus is in the vicinity. Urgently, they find this man whom they love and they travel—we don’t know how far or how long—to find him. Once they are within shouting distance they hustle their friend to the front of the crowd. They have done their part. They have loved someone so much that they have done whatever it takes to get him to Jesus.

The gospels are rich with these anonymous friends. Just one chapter earlier in Mark we read about people “scurrying about the surrounding country, bringing in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was” (6:55). Doesn’t that remind you of those gracious people who use their summers to travel to Lourdes in order to accompany those in wheelchairs to the grotto? Mark’s most famous account of these passionate friends is of the ones who carried their loved one on a mat to get to the house where Jesus was staying, and then took the roof off and lowered him down (2:1-12). Ah! I hope you have friends who love you that much. I know I do.

We don’t need to read the gospels to see this love at work. Over 40 million Americans—many of them in less than stellar health themselves—are taking care of loved ones. Oh Jesus, find them in the crowd. They need your healing touch today.

What friend in your life needs your tender care?
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St. Perpetua Children’s Choir
Welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone had a restful summer. My name is Lisa Holmes and I am the St. Perpetua School music teacher. I am starting a children’s choir this year comprised of 4th - 8th grade students from both the school and the church community. We will have fun sharing our voices and our fellowship!

If your child enjoys singing, even if they have had no formal training, I would like to invite them to join me on Monday afternoons from 3:30 (or ASAP after school) - 5:00 p.m. in the RRC beginning September 10th, and continuing through April 15th. We will focus on learning songs to share/perform at the 9:30 Rise and Shine Masses throughout the school year. If your child is interested in joining the group even after we have started, please let me know. We will always make room! Please contact me if your child is interested at lholmes@csdo.org
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