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

From the beginning of creation,  
God made them male and female.  
For this reason a man shall  
leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and  
the two shall become one flesh.  

MARK 10:6-8

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

This weekend we have the opportunity to celebrate our annual Oktoberfest – a chance to be together as a parish family, enjoy one another’s company, provide great fun for children of all ages, eat, drink and make a few dollars to support our parish ministries. Bring a friend or neighbor along and share the great experience of hospitality and friendship that make St. Perpetua the special community you are. Our event once again will be held on the upper field near the Pavilion and Garden of Learning. There is plenty of parking on the upper lot and overflow parking in front of the school. Thanks to all the members of the planning committee under the guidance of Christoph who spend so much time and creative energy in making this event a success.

I also want to commend our Faith Formation staff – Kristine, Gary, Elizabeth and Andrew, who plan the programming for our children and youth from Elementary School through High School. It has been quite a challenge the past year to arrange their curriculum during this time of major construction. Our building project began last fall and won’t be completed until February/March, 2019. The staff and parents have been gracious and understanding in making the necessary accommodations in sharing space and arranging classes in the midst of space limitations. I appreciate their patience and cooperation. This year over 200 children K-5 are registered for Faith Formation and 80+ 5th-8th graders are taking part in the Middle School program. Over 50 high school teens are enrolled in our Confirmation program as well as many teens in our Youth Group. You can imagine how eager the staff is for the day when the new Community Center is complete and they can begin using all the wonderful spaces it will provide. The centerpiece will be the Religious Resource Center – the prominent feature that stands out with the large window beneath the circular window as you face the front of our new structure. As we’ve said many times, the new Community Center is providing a transformative moment for our parish and school community. Thank you for your patience during this time of construction, but most of all for making this dream come true. You are truly fulfilling our parish mission:

Celebrating our Faith… Enriching our Community… Sharing our Gifts!

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens – Do we try so hard to be something we are not, that we miss out on how to truly live? We all get consumed with ourselves; sometimes we’re not even aware of it. We learn from a young age that life is about winning and impressing. We pick up that our worth and value come from how good, how smart, and how skilled we are. So, we twist things in our favor, making us look like we have it all together. Every day we have the choice to prop up these false ideas about ourselves or to let go of them. Jesus invites these parts of us to die, the parts of us that tell us our worth comes from the things we say and do. Maybe it's only when we let these things die, that we truly begin to live. Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua walks with you as you start to discover more and more about yourself. Teens join the Parish this weekend to help out at the Oktoberfest.

A Thank You from The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales to St. Perpetua
Dear Fr. Kasper, Thank you for your recent letter and the enclosed check in the amount of $2,424, which was a result of mission appeals made in the Diocese of Oakland. The Foreign Missions of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales is so very grateful to the people of your diocese for their overwhelming kindness and support. And again, thank you so much for including us in your Mission Co-Op Plan. I know that you have many requests for inclusion and I appreciate your decision to invite us. God Bless you and your important work for the missions. Be assured of a remembrance in my prayers and have a wonderful fall season!
Sincerely, Rev. Jack Loughran, OSFS
Foreign Mission Procurator

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 a paid position ideal for high school and college students or parents whose children are grown. Please contact Christoph at the Parish Office if interested.

Coffee & Donuts are Back
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. 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.

October Food Basket
Next collection: October 13th - 14th Canned or Dried Beans – Refried, Pinto, Black, Kidney, Pork & Beans, Baked

Friendly Manor Monthly Lunch -
If you are interested in finding out more about the 4th Friday lunch and possibly volunteering, please contact Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.285.4669 for more information. They would be delighted to have a new face in the group once in a while.

Weekend of October 13 & 14th
“Share the Warmth”
Blue Barrel Collection
St. Perpetua Outreach committee is hosting a "Share the Warmth" event the weekend of October 13 & 14th. The collection will be for all warm winter things: coats, hats, mittens, scarves, sox, sweatshirts, boots, blankets, comforters, sleeping bags. Sizes needed are from infant to adult.

Some of the organizations that will benefit from these warm items are: the women at Friendly Manor in Oakland, Hillcrest Community Church clothes closet in Pleasant Hill, White Pony Express, Winter Nights, St Vincent de Paul and others. Any questions, please call Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.284.8130.

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 December 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.

Carondelet High School
Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 2 p.m. until 4 pm at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondelets.org/admissions.
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wouldn’t it be awesome if men had one fewer rib than women? We could think of that every time we got stuck reading scripture, wondering what to take literally or not. Whew! We can trust the bible, because Genesis says God took a rib from Adam and used it to form Eve!

Alas, except in the case of disease, men and women each have twelve pairs of ribs, so there goes that theory. The sacred writer, of course, wasn’t teaching anatomy, but a Master’s class in God’s wisdom in creating men and women from each other, connecting them just under the heart. Lovely.

Now, there are some fascinating moments in Genesis that make us shake our heads in wonder. How, for example, did the ancient writer know that snakes used to have legs? It’s true. Over a hundred million years ago snakes used to be able to walk AND slither. They lost their legs at some point, but that was surely several million years before the author of Genesis (writing a mere 3,000 years ago) recalled God telling the duplicitous serpent, “Because you have done this….on your belly you shall crawl” (3:14).

The ancients were far, far more in tune with the natural world than we are. It’s possible that dead snakes made for riveting investigations. Perhaps the tiny vestiges of legs (called spurs) led them to rightly surmise that, in the Garden of Eden, snakes had legs. Fascinating. And icky.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis give us the Garden, the Fall, and the Great Flood. From the very beginning, God was luring us with stories that are more eternal than any science.

What is your favorite Genesis story?
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JOIN US AND CELEBRATE

Oktoberfest

WITH PARISHONERS, NEIGHBORS, & FRIENDS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

AN INVITATION

Spend a relaxing afternoon with fellow parishioners and meet new friends
at the annual St. Perpetua Oktoberfest!
Join us at our new shady & cool location on the upper lawn next to the Garden of Learning.
Please come and enjoy delicious food and BBQ featuring authentic German Brats and
sauerkraut from Speisekammer of Alameda. Carnival games for all ages, silent auction, live
music, big dollar raffle, home brew tasting and contest, as well as a private Beer Garden and
Sports Lounge for both the 49’r vs. Cardinals and Raiders vs. Chargers viewing.
New this year...Tiki Toss, Lawn Darts and Yard Pong!
Tickets may be purchased at the event by cash, check or credit card. See you there!

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction donations or baskets are greatly appreciated.
Donations can include vacation get-away homes, wine, dinner certificates,
sporting events, theatre tickets, food or hobby theme baskets.
Be sure to complete the donation form included in this mailing or contact:
Sandi Gritzer 284.7133

RAFFLE

Sell raffles tickets!
Tickets are available at the Parish & School offices or the back of the church.
$5 each or a book of 11 for $50.
1st prize: Kaanapali Beach, Maui 11/19-26, 2018
$2100 value (flight not included)
2nd prize: One week in Twain Harte $800 value
3rd prize: Bike $500 value

SPONSOR

Please consider supporting the carnival this year by being an event sponsor.
Sponsor donations help to offset the cost of our game and food booths.
A donation form is included in this mailing or contact
Christoph at 283.0272 or chnauer@stperpetua.org

VOLUNTEER

The Carnival committee needs you!
Volunteer for a shift the day of the carnival.
Help with set up or clean up.
Donate cookies, brownies or candy bags.
Assemble Silent Auction baskets.
To volunteer go to our parish website.

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