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.

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or Anointing of the Sick
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St. Perpetua School
Contact the school office for
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Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
Dear Parishioners,

Beginning this weekend we welcome our new Director of Music Ministry for St. Perpetua Church. Her name is Mary Jo Malabuyo. Mary Jo has most recently been Accompanist/Assistant Music Director at Church of the Epiphany in San Francisco. She has an extensive music background going back to voice training in her early childhood. She comes from a musical family; her mother was a soprano with the San Francisco Opera Chorus.

Besides voice lessons, Mary Jo took up piano lessons at the age of four, and added flute and the organ by her freshman year of high school. Her love of music was also expressed on stage through dance as she found a passion for classical ballet. In two years’ time after first taking up ballet Mary Jo was accepted into the San Francisco Ballet at the age of seven. Her formal education and credentials include a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, courses in Vocal Pedagogy and Vocal Physiology as well as courses in Advanced Musicianship and Music Theory.

Mary Jo has sung with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and the San Francisco Opera Chorus, and performed for the Bay Area community through song and dance. She recently cantored for two funerals at our parish and inspired the assembly with the beauty and prayerfulness of her voice. I hope that you will extend a warm welcome to Mary Jo as she begins her ministry here. I look forward to the musical gifts she will bring to our parish, following the great inspiration we have received from past directors, including Mary Beth Lamb, Shawn Gardner, Matt Wolka and Donna Stoering. Our Middle School “TEAM” program is also expanding and adding a vibrant music component. St. Perpetua School has a number of our children who have formed a choir that will sing at school Masses, as well as our 9:30 a.m. “Rise & Shine” monthly liturgy.

I want to extend our appreciation to Mary Beth and Suzanne Bregman for guiding us through these few months of transition, especially during our summer sojourn under the Pavilion. Our choir members and cantors have been most generous with their time and talent, and very patient and supportive by never missing a beat in showing up and leading the assembly in song. With the new Community Center only a few months away from completion, the coming year will be filled with great new opportunities for all of us.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens, our day to day lives are filled with many different rules. Schools have dress codes, handbooks, and graduation requirements. Family life likely includes chores, curfew, and other expectations that if crossed might result in consequences. Rules give us boundaries and teach us responsibility, especially if they are reasonable and respectfully communicated. When a new rule is thrown at us, we might tilt our heads to the side and wonder why. In today’s readings, the Israelites must have felt this way and were a bit suspicious with Moses when he shared the Ten Commandments. However, the focus was so positive! “Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5). This new rule required that the Israelites throw themselves into their faith in a new way. Jesus takes this first commandment one step further, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). It wasn’t a “don’t do this” or “don’t do that” kind of rule. Instead, the commandment reflects a positive, uplifting, challenging, and practical commandment for the early Christians (and us)—Love! In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua we work together to understand how best to live Jesus’ command to love one another.

Teens, this week at St. Perpetua –

- **Confirmation gathers this afternoon** at 4:30 and 6:30 for a look at prayer, the different kinds, and to share a model of prayers teens can use going forward.
- **Thursday, November 8 – Youth Group** gathers from 7:30 to 8:45 where we will look at current events against the backdrop of the recent election. What is the Catholic call to action in a nation that emphasizes the separation of church and state. Questions, send Gary an e-mail. Have a good week! *Gary*

**St. Perpetua Faith Formation**

**First Eucharist Parent Meetings**

Parents of children preparing to receive their First Eucharist in May of 2019 and are currently enrolled in 2nd grade or higher at St. Perpetua School and Faith Formation are asked to attend one of the following parent meetings:

- **Monday, November 5**
  - 7:00 pm
  - OR
- **Tuesday, November 13**
  - 9:30 am

Both meetings will be held in the Religious Resource Room. If you have any questions, contact Kristine at kristine@stperpetua.org

Welcome into the Catholic Community

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

- **Gabriela Andrea Burke**
  - daughter of Adam & Andrea Burke

- **Pola Kotwinski**
  - daughter of Michal Kotwinski & Monika Stokowska

May our community embrace Gabriela and Pola and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for them. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

**October Food Collection**

Al and Virginia LaFaille were happy to be able to deliver 37 very heavy bags of canned and dried beans (refried, pinto, black, kidney, pork & beans, baked) to the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Concord. Virginia said they were delighted with the donation and thanked the parishioners for their generous response. Thank you for your generosity in remembering to pick up that “extra” item or items for the monthly collection. It all adds up and goes right back out from the pantries. The next collection will be the weekend of November 10/11, Masa Harina, Sugar, Flour (preferably 5 lb. bags) and vegetable oil.

**Join Artist and Author Mickey McGrath**

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Well, we’ve celebrated the saints, and all this month we remember all the souls who have gone to God. In just a breath or two we’ll be headlong into Advent—blessed Advent—and then glorious, trumpet-sounding Christmas.

And so, before it all gets away, let’s just breathe. We’ve been immersed in Mark’s gospel all these months. How has it changed us? Every three years we are in the grip of the most urgent of the gospels, written during a time of terrifying torture and death for those who followed the WAY.

Surely if there is any Old Testament passage that captures the passion of Mark it’s the one that Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy today. He begs us to love the Lord with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

I love remembering the giants we celebrated all last month. Has anyone in history loved God with more heart than St. Francis of Assisi? Are there any martyrs who gave their soul and mind to Jesus more than St. Ignatius of Antioch?

But it’s St. Teresa of Avila who is in my heart today. It’s so touching how much the young people of Avila love her. “We call Thérèse of Lisieux the Little Flower,” they’ll tell you proudly. “But ours is Teresa of the Big Flower.”

One day in the monastery she encountered a beautiful young boy. “Who are you?” he asked. “I am Teresa of the Child Jesus. Who are you?” His reply always brings tears to my eyes: “I am the Child Jesus of Teresa.”

That’s what it means to love Jesus with our whole strength. Insert your name there. One day Jesus will call you by your true name.

How does loving Jesus make you stronger?

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention is everyone’s goal and responsibility.

Since the Clean Water Act of 1972, The City of Lafayette is required to comply with Federal and State Clean Water regulations. Amended in 1990, efforts to prevent storm water pollution are regulated under the jurisdiction of the State Water Board and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) through an NPDES permit issued to Contra Costa County cities /municipalities.

These C3 guidelines help shift conventional “gray” storm drain infrastructure—where runoff from streets, roads, storm drains, parking lots, and building roofs flows directly into storm drains and then to creeks and the Bay/Delta—to a more resilient, sustainable system that slows runoff by dispersing it to vegetated areas, promotes infiltration, and uses bioretention to clean runoff. This storm water runoff management process helps prevent flooding and downstream erosion, and improves water quality in an adjacent river, stream, lake or bay.

Retention Basins & Rain Gardens are saucer shaped gardens that water flows into that are planted with grasses, flowers, shrubs, and sometimes small trees. The soils and basin fills with water for a short amount of time before soaking back into the surrounding soil.

A Bioswale is similar to a bioretention area in the way it is designed with layers of vegetation, soil and a perforated pipe within the bottom stone layer. Bioswales typically are located along a roadway and can be planted like gardens or covered in turfgrass.

Bioretention Gardens are often used interchangeably with rain gardens. The one main difference is that bioretentions have underneath drainage, while rain gardens depend on the soil for proper drainage.