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.

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.

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
We gather
in praise
and
thanksgiving

November 18, 2018

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

Next Sunday we close the Church Year with the Feast of Christ the King. Since Advent 2018 we have been listening to the Gospel of Mark and next week’s gospel brings it to a stirring culmination. We hear from Mark’s Passion Narrative the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate the night Our Lord is condemned to death. Pilate asks Jesus the poignant question: *What have you done?* What has Jesus done to bring him to this point where people would demand his crucifixion? We who have followed the Gospel of Mark this past year can answer that question. Jesus has healed the leper and the paralytic, given sight to the blind and made the deaf to hear. He has called the little children to himself and extended compassion to the hungry and hurting. His goodness was so glaring and his light so brilliant that the darkness of this world stood in sharp contrast to him.

To acclaim Jesus as King is to recognize His truth: *My kingdom is not of this world.* To pledge our first allegiance to God is to be willing to follow Christ on His path. It is a curious kingdom Christ has won – a kingdom not of the strong but of the weak. With Christ we are invited to discover our own royal dignity especially in our suffering, in our weakness and helplessness, where we feel sensitive and uncertain. Christ the King, who reigns from the cross and whose crown is fashioned from thorns, strengthens us to live each day under the influence of His power, with the compassion of His heart, through the strength of His love.

*Father John Kasper, OSFS*

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**A Thanksgiving Day Blessing**

*O God,*

*We thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun,*

*for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind,*

*for the trees and green grass.*

*We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds,*

*and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat,*

*and taste autumn’s fruit,*

*rejoice in the feel of snow,*

*and smell the breath of spring flowers.*

*Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;*

*and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing*

*when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory.*

*For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities*

*for new beginnings and new discoveries.*

*Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.*

*In this new day of new beginnings, O God, all things are possible.*

*We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening*

*to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be.*

*Amen.*
Teens, the unknown can be daunting. What will I be when I grow up? Whom will I marry? Where will I live? These big life questions can cause sleepless nights and some indigestion! We cannot know what the future holds for us so we must try our best to stretch ourselves and our gifts in ways that help prepare us to best handle the transitions of the future. In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that his time with them is coming to an end. The foreshadowing of his Crucifixion was likely lost on the disciples. And yet, all of us must live believing “of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 12:32). At this day of reckoning, will any of us be able to stand proudly and admit our sins, our graces, and our deep faith in God? It is a question that should keep us up at night once in a while. In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua teens gather to look at our faith and how we can live our faith in today's world. This week teens gather twice:

**Sunday, November 18** Confirmation Candidates gather for a second evening looking at prayer in their lives.

**Tuesday, November 20** Youth Group gathers for an evening on gratitude in preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving celebration.

Questions? Check out High School Youth Ministry on the parish website, or drop Gary an email. This week, make a list of those with whom or things to which you need to be reconciled. Maybe it is a relationship with a family member or a friend. Maybe you have taken advantage of our earth’s resources and would like to give back. Maybe you haven’t willingly attended church recently with your family. This list should motivate you to right these faults. Once you complete this very important to-do list, spend some time in reflection thanking Christ for the opportunity to prepare your heart for him.

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Our second collection is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 43 million people in the U.S. living in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. In addition, over 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. This year, CCHD awarded $240,000 to 12 groups in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

**THANKSGIVING**

**Multi-faith Thanksgiving Celebration & Service**

Gather in Community, Faith leaders from across the County Find Inspiration, Share Gratitude for Abundance, Commit to Confronting Poverty and a volunteer multi-faith choir.

**Sun, November 18, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
1578 Kirker Pass Rd, Clayton

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 am** in the Church. The offertory collection will be sent to the Winter Nights program. It provides a clean, safe, and warm facility at night and a daytime services center during winter for homeless families with children. If you bring a loaf of bread or bottle of wine that you will share at your family dinner, there will be a special blessing for your Thanksgiving Table.

**Welcome into the Catholic Community**

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

- **Alyssa Maya Schultz**
  daughter of Josh & Nicole Schultz
- **Cayden Barrington Morrison**
  son of Cody & Amy Morrison

May our community embrace Alyssa & Cayden 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!

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**PEPPERMINT SHOPPE IS BACK ON DECEMBER 1st!**

Peppermint Shoppe will be open for business on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 -11:00 am at St. Perpetua School. This is a sweet opportunity for children to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, teachers and pets. All gifts are priced at $2.00 each. Bring the kids and enjoy free hot cocoa, coffee and treats sponsored by the St. Perpetua School Parent Association. Watch for an early appearance by St. Nicholas! If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Damhesel at ndamhesel@gmail.com.
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The other day I was scrolling through the photos on my phone. I’d forgotten that I’d taken pictures of our backyard urban garden last year. There, in still life, stood cold and dreary January. But the next picture opened up another world: the hoeing and planting, and the beautiful rows and rows of the tiny greens of May. And then, with just a click, there they were: thousands of lush, plump red tomatoes, ready for harvest, ready for their destination at food banks around town. Yum.

My favorite photo is one the day before our big freeze last month. Their baskets overflowing, the gardeners left a few hundred yellow and green and red tomatoes in a bucket on our porch, ready to be taken away as soon as they had room in their overflowing truck.

It’s the last picture that’s so stunning, though. Just a week after the frost, our backyard morphed from the Garden of Eden into a Halloween ghost town. Dead, sad branches moaned. Lifeless, leafless plants bent over into sad farewell. And there it all was, right there, on a phone I’d been ignoring for years. Life and death are accessible to me now, every time I click “Photos.”

That’s what this 33rd Sunday has always been about. We are ordered to open our hearts to the life and death we each carry deep in our hearts. Yes, winter is upon us, and we know not the day nor hour when we will see Jesus.

But here’s the good news. Jesus is Lord of the summer and the winter. Bidden or unbidden, death awaits us all. Our job is to keep planting, and harvesting, and waiting in joyful hope.

How do you hold life and death deep in your heart?
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This Week at St. Perpetua
November 18—November 25, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.— Mark 13:31

The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23
in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm, Church

Monday
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Finance Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Parish Office

Tuesday
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, RRC

Thursday—Thanksgiving
Mass, 9:30 am, Church

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass

Mass Intentions
November 17—November 25, 2018

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TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Orlando Portillo, Alex McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Terry Osburn, Dylan Cazin, Irwin Mettler, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, George Kalvass, Lesley Kirchman, Hope Ramponi, Michael Gilson, Laura Zellmer, Juraj Hostynek, Dorothy Allen and Arelene Fannin.
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