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.

Assisted listening devices
available

“I am the
Alpha
and the
Omega,”
says the Lord God,
“the one who is and who was
and who is to come, the almighty.”
Revelation 1:8

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

Today on the Feast of Christ the King we bring to a close another liturgical year. Since last Advent we’ve been listening each Sunday to the Gospel of Mark. After hearing the Word and Breaking the Bread, week in and week out, you have left Mass to “proclaim the Gospel by your lives.” Thank you for the past year of faithful and inspiring worship and for the life of the Spirit that is so evident in all of you. The following reflection by a fellow Oblate of St. Francis de Sales sums up the reason and meaning of the commandment: Remember, keep holy the Lord’s Day:

Father John

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“What’s so important about going to Church on Sunday?” This often asked question has many responses. Here’s one response to think about! We enter Church on any Sunday to hear a different story about how to live in our world. In this sacred space, quietly sealed away from our often noisy existence, we experience the telling of stories of another way of living, another purpose and a different approach. The world we leave behind when we enter Church can often be a world of exasperation. In it we meet drivers who cut us off in traffic, people who don’t hold doors, some who never say thank you or excuse me. Newspapers relate stories of leaders insulting other leaders; nations who desire what other nations have and then aggressively seize it. And worst of all we hear of religions, who instead of living the golden rule, i.e., Do unto others as you wish they do to you. Only want others to “do unto them” or else!

But in Church it’s a different story. In Church, we meet people who live and respond differently in their world. We also hear stories about a God who cares, loves and is concerned about us in the most personal of ways. He is a God who loves enough to intervene, if He has to, even when it means giving up His Son. We find a God who wants to give us happiness, live peacefully with others, and to bestow on us His blessing and mercy when we stumble. In Church, we find hope for a better and different world and we hear about the Kingdom and that we are assured that it can be reached by us. In Church, stories teach us about the kindly Good Samaritan, who stopped his travels to help a high-jacked stranger get back on his feet again before this Samaritan resumed his travels. We hear of a heartbroken Father who lost his son to a life far from home and any responsibilities. The son wanted to be “free to be himself,” but soon realized where his real treasure lay and went home to his forgiving father who eagerly took him back.

The gospel stories teach us that if we feed others, clothe others, and be welcoming and tender toward others, God’s abundance will easily flow through our actions and heal our broken world. But these stories also remind us that we have to do it. We are the continuation of these Church told stories. This is how salvations works. The stories in Church point the way, and we say “yes” and leave Church open to being the next chapter of salvation history. Church shows us that we can make a difference where we live. God’s abundance flows through us to share, when we become the Good Samaritans, the Forgiving Fathers, the Grateful Lepers-only us! Yes, we go to Church to prepare ourselves to tell our story. Isn’t this reason enough to go?

Father Richard DeLillio, OSFS
**Ruby Slippers is Coming!**

Ruby Slippers is the Annual fundraiser for Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH)

CCIH’s mission is to end homelessness one family at a time.

CCIH was founded by churches and temples and mosques in Contra Costa county who wanted to make concrete changes to end homeless and provide continuing support for these families.

We need your help with donations for our silent auction. We are looking for gift cards to restaurants (Postino, Batch n Brine, Cooperage, Chow, Pizza Antigua, Flemings, Ruths Chris, Va Da Vie, or any others) as well as gift cards for shopping (Crate and Barrel, Pottery Barn, Apple, Williams Sonoma, Sur la Table, Nordstrom, Macy’s, Gap, Amazon etc….). We are also looking for items from Oprah’s favorite things list, best selling books, hotel gift cards and wine ($25-$40) for our wine game.

**We also hope that you will join us Saturday, February 9th at Blackhawk Auto Museum for dinner, dancing and most importantly changing lives one family at a time.**

For more information contact Wendy Levich at the Parish Office, 283-0272, or go to CCIH’s website for more information or to purchase tickets to Ruby Slippers. ccinterfaithhousing.org

Many thanks for your continued support of CCIH and Ruby Slippers.

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**Holiday Wreath Sale**

Griffin and Oliver Rotundo will be selling Christmas wreaths November 25 and December 2 after the 9:30 and 11:30 mass. The wreaths are awesome, and a good value at $25.00 (cash, check or Pay Pal). They are hand assembled in the Pacific Northwest using noble fir, cedar, pinecones and juniper berries and decorated in Lafayette with a hand tied satin bow.

**If you plan to purchase Christmas wreaths this year, will you please purchase them from us?**

The funds from the Boy Scout Troop 204 annual Holiday Wreath sales support our Boy Scout activities throughout the year.

You can pick them up after mass or we can deliver wreaths to your home, and / or deliver a wreath to your friend, neighbor or family members on your Christmas list. We have gift tags for your customized message.

Please consider purchasing a wreath which we can deliver to a senior in Lafayette as an anonymous gift from you. Through the kindness of others, Oliver has been able to spread Christmas joy by delivering anonymous gift wreaths to seniors the past five years.

**Merry Christmas, Griffin and Oliver Rotundo Boy Scouts of America - Troop 204**

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**PEPPERMINT SHOPPE**

**Saturday, 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.
Solemnity of Christ the King

There are moments, or maybe places, or probably memories, which, when summoned, can bring us to a place of deep truth. Pilate had one of those moments. He had this interesting, serene Jew in front of him. He had the power to crucify him, yet this Jew did not plead for his life. Nor would he engage in any defense. Aren’t you the king of the Jews? roared Pilate. Jesus looked around, and then stated the obvious: My kingdom does not belong to this world.

There are places that do not belong to the kingdom of Jesus. My husband recently visited Auschwitz, that place so clearly taken over by demons. All the visitors were struck dumb in the presence of pure evil. The kingdom of Jesus is not there.

But let’s not linger, for the kingdom of Jesus will redeem all those deaths. Let’s linger where truth resides. For example, Pope Francis said recently, “You cannot be a Christian and an anti-Semite.” Doesn’t that truth take you to a place outside this world, to a place, say, that resembles the kingdom of heaven?

Or maybe it was a courageous family member who confronted you about an addiction. Or were you, perhaps, the one to confront the lies of addiction with truth?

Perhaps you were with a person with some disabilities, and observed how respectfully and kindly he or she was treated. There. It’s easy to spot it. There is the reign of God. Step into it.

There are traces of the kingdom all around us, embedded in courage and kindness. Or, as the great C.S. Lewis wrote, “The word is out that the king may land.”

But until that day…ah…Advent.

Where do you experience the profound peace of the kingdom of God?

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Saint Mary’s College High School, Berkeley, celebrating its 155th anniversary, will host its annual Open House on Sunday, December 2 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The event will feature workshops on academics, financial aid, athletics, and programs unique to Saint Mary’s. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade families interested in learning more about attending Saint Mary’s College High School are welcome! http://www.saintmaryschs.org/

This Week at St. Perpetua
November 25—December 2, 2018

Solemnity of Christ the King
November 25, 2018

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Monday
Children’s Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC
Capital Campaign Meeting, 7:00 pm, RRC
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Tuesday
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office Conference Room
Wednesday
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, RRC
Thursday
Construction Meeting, 9:15 am, RRC
Saturday
Peppermint Shoppe, 9:00 am, School
Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Faith Formation, 10:30 am, Church
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, Church w/Youth Group
Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Church

Mass Intentions
November 24—December 2, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm Bryan Inderrieden, Sr. †
Sunday 8:00 am Kyle Tracy †
9:30 am Chris Clogher †
11:30 am For the Community
Saturday 5:00 pm Patricia Laughlin †
Sunday 8:00 am Kyle Tracy †
9:30 am Chris Clogher †
11:30 am For the Community

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.
A Taste of Kindergarten and TK
Friday, November 30, 2018 | 8:45am-10:00am

This special event is for all prospective parents and their preschool children who are eligible for Transition Kindergarten or Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 academic year. Bring your little ones for a taste of fun and excitement as they experience what a day in our Kindergarten setting is like!

Space is limited. Reserve yours today! Please email skozel@csdo.org or call (925) 284-1640

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