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

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
JANUARY 27, 2019

Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those
who have nothing prepared;
for today is holy to our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:10

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
This weekend marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration to highlight the numerous benefits of Catholic education. These benefits have been studied and well-documented. Results consistently show that students who attend Catholic school receive a challenging and rigorous academic education in a supportive and nurturing environment, integrated with Catholic values and teachings. Additionally, an emphasis on self-discipline along with learning to accept responsibility, respecting others and working together fosters a sense of service and community.

St. Perpetua School embodies these traits in many ways. Founded in 1963 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, our students are challenged academically by our highly qualified teachers and staff. Our graduates regularly come back to visit and share their high school successes at both the local Catholic and public high schools.

Some interesting facts about St. Perpetua School:

- Our Garden of Learning provides hands on learning opportunities for our TK-8th grade students
- Our families come from 14 different neighboring cities
- Our staff is comprised of 40 full and part time employees including a full time special needs coordinator and a part time school counselor, music teacher, art teacher, and Spanish teacher
- Students in every grade participate in fine arts, social studies and science field trips
- Our extended care program is open from 7am -6pm and offers a variety of enrichment programs
- St. Perpetua School is fully accredited by both WCEA and WASC

Beyond the curriculum, St. Perpetua School has dedicated teachers and staff who respect and honor the uniqueness of each child and work in partnership with parents to nurture the holistic development of our students. Our faith-filled school welcomes new members to our community with joy and provides a family atmosphere of love and care for one another.

With gratitude for the support and prayers of St. Perpetua Parish,

Karen Goodshaw
St. Perpetua School Principal
Teens, we hear stories every day of people in need in our country and around the world. What are some areas of need that you know about? In today's Gospel, Jesus announces his mission, the work he would do to show forth the Kingdom of God. In Youth Ministry we look at the different ways we are gifts to one another and how we can build up each other using the gifts God has given to each of us, and most importantly how we can use our gifts to build the Kingdom of God. Look below for our gatherings this coming week:

**Sunday, January 27.** Confirmation gathers for an evening look at Relationships and how our relationships with one another prepare us for our relationship with Jesus. Candidates attend either the 4:340 or 6:30 gatherings.

**Thursday, January 31.** Youth Group gathers for an evening on Living Our Life by Our Model: Jesus Shows Us the Way

Teens, sometimes we need help identifying our unique gifts and how we may use them to build the Kingdom of God. In youth ministry we explore these ways. Questions? Send me an e-mail. Thanks and have a good week. Hoping to see you all soon. Gary

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**Outreach Agency Distributions**

Thanks to your support of the final 5th Sunday Outreach Collection of 2018 and some generous continuing support each month, we were able to distribute, on behalf of the parish community, $4000.00 ($500.00 each) to the following agencies: CCIC (Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition), Child Abuse Prevention Council, Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry @ St Francis of Assisi Church, Foster Family Network of Contra Costa County, Friendly Manor/St. Mary’s Center, Hope Conference, Loaves & Fishes, and Monument Crisis Center.

Please note there again be four 5th Sunday collections for Outreach this year. The dates will be March 30/31, June 29/30, September 28/29 and December 28/29.

**January Food Basket**

Wow! Thank you for the wonderful contributions to the food collection this month. Virginia and Al LaFaille were delighted to deliver 46 bags of hearty soups and ramen to Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry @ St. Francis of Assisi Church. The ladies at the food pantry were extremely happy to receive the soups and ramen and with all the rain lately, the items certainly will not sit in the Pantry long.

This has to be the highest monthly volume, with the exception of the December collections of course, in some time. Kudos to our drivers and to our parish for your generosity!

A reminder: The items for the February 9/10 Food Basket collection will be Pasta, Tomato Sauce and Spaghetti Sauce and will be delivered to Monument Crisis Center. Thank you for remembering to pick up the extra item/s when out shopping. The need is great!

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**Ruby Slippers**

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing Fundraiser

We need your help with donations for our silent auction. Gift cards to restaurants and shopping and bottles of wine $25-$40. 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: ccenterfaithhousing.org for more information or to purchase tickets to Ruby Slippers.

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**Faith Formation**

Children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist in April and May are asked to attend one of the following evenings:

Preparing our Hearts for Jesus

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 or Thursday, February 7, 2019

Both ceremonies begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There’s a bit of an elephant in the room as Ezra reads that foundational scripture to the men, women, and children old enough to understand. What none of them is admitting is that, after returning to the land from the Babylonian Exile, things haven’t worked out as well as they had hoped.

Their new Temple is puny compared to the majestic Temple that Solomon built (and Nebuchadnezzar burned). The returnees are dwelling in a desolate, undefended city, tilling a few ravaged fields, easy prey for marauding bandits.

When Ezra reads this document (now called the Torah), their response is to hang their heads and weep. And what does Governor Nehemiah do? He interrupts to declare a holiday, and to exhort them to eat and drink and rejoice. Why? Because he knows what they have forgotten: the joy of the Lord is their strength. Nothing less will ever be enough.

In today’s synagogue services there is a stirring moment. After the sacred readings, the homily, and the singing of the psalms, a spotlight is shone on the tabernacle. Those with the priestly last name of Cohen (or Kohen) come forward. This group, with the rabbi, takes the five dazzling Torah scrolls and begins to dance with them.

And then all heaven breaks out. The children leap up to dance with their parents. Joyous groups jump out of their pew to greet the Torah as it passes by. For a raucous few minutes the sedate assembly exults in the joy of Torah. Another week of hard work looms for all, but on the Sabbath they draw deeply from their greatest strength, which is the joy that only comes from intimacy with God.

In what ways is the joy of the Lord your greatest strength?

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Altar Server Training
Children in grades 4 and up and adults who are interested in becoming an altar server please mark your calendar for our next training on Sunday, February 10 at 12:30 in the church. If you’d like to attend this training be sure to RSVP to Christoph at the Parish Office by Feb. 7.

This Week at St. Perpetua
January 27—February 3, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic School’s Week

Sunday
Rise & Shine Mass, 9:30 am
Teen Family Mass, 11:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm, Chapel
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, RRC/School/Church
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Chapel

Monday
Children’s Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC

Tuesday
Faith Formation, 5:30 pm, School/RRC
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office Conference Room

Thursday
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, RRC

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, RRC/School

Mass Intentions
January 26—February 3, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm Bryan Inderrieden, Sr. ♦
Sunday 8:00 am Red Millette ♦
9:30 am Orlando Paes ♦
11:30 am Darien McNiel ♦
Monday 8:30 am Dan & Ellie Spillane ♦
Wednesday 8:30 am Bryan Vierengel ♦
Friday 8:30 am E.T. Thomas ♦
Saturday 5:00 pm Robert Bond ♦
Sunday 8:00 am Red Millette ♦
9:30 am Antoinette D’Costa ♦
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, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Dylan Cazin, Irwin Mettler, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, Lesley Kirchman, Laura Zellmer, Arelene Fannin, Jimmy Fulton and Manuel Luna.
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I am a student of Catholic Faith

A life-long learner

And a healthy and well-rounded person who is respectful of our world and all of its cultures.

To learn more about St. Perpetua School, please visit our website www.stperpetuaschool.org