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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Palm Sunday
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.
LUKE 19:38

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
Dear Members of St. Perpetua,

There’s a curious detail missing in the opening Gospel for today’s Feast of Palm Sunday. There are no palm branches mentioned in Luke’s rendering of Jesus’ solemn procession into Jerusalem. Instead, Luke says: *As Jesus rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.* We know from the history and culture of biblical times that a person’s cloak was one of his most important possessions. It not only served as protection from the cold, but it was like a sleeping bag or blanket at night. At mealtime it was used as a ground cover, like a blanket at a picnic. It was so significant a possession that his followers were shocked when Jesus told them: *If any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.*

In spite of the importance and value of a cloak, Luke’s gospel tells us the people threw them in Jesus’ path. Nothing was too good for the Master.

As we open the door to Holy Week, we need to ask ourselves what we are willing to give to the Master. What will I sacrifice (a word that means “to make holy”) to honor the memory of Jesus, the Prince of Peace? How will I make his message and his life real for myself? For my family? For the world in which I live? The time-honored tradition of the Church is to mark these days of Holy Week in a special way – they are not meant to be “business as usual.” The prayer of the Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil calls us to throw down at the Master’s feet one of our most valuable possessions today – time. Spend time in quiet prayer and recollection each day of this week. Take the time to join with parishioners and friends at the liturgies that shape us as Christians. (The Triduum schedule is in the bulletin and on our parish website.) Let the time you share with your children be time that will nourish their souls and help to draw them closer to the Lord. Throughout Holy Week let us include sincere and heartfelt prayers for Pope Francis that the Holy Spirit may inspire and guide him as he guides the Church through Holy Week into a new springtime of authentic renewal, transparency and conversion.

Grant us to rest from all dark deeds and thoughts, O God,
during this week which we call Holy.

Let us surrender ourselves wholly to You
and keep our souls still before You like a lake.

Let your Passion be reflected in our own struggles,
Your Death in our daily dying to self,
Your resurrection in the joy that is ours
because we belong entirely to You.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens: Have you ever resisted doing something that you really did not want to do but were expected to do anyway? Maybe it was a retreat that a friend invited you to but you did not want to give up a weekend of relaxing and playing video games. Maybe it was a family reunion you would rather skip to hang out with your friends. We all have opportunities that we resist with great fanfare. Yet none of us has ever faced what Jesus faced in his passion story. We can really connect with Jesus as he goes to the Mount of Olives tormented by what he is about to endure. His humanity shines through as he sweats blood and prays fervently, “Father if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done” (Luke 22:42). After this incredibly vulnerable moment, Jesus enters fully into the passion story as he faces his torture and death. What strength, what faith, and what sacrifice Jesus not only endures but embraces. The next time you find yourself resisting an opportunity to be in fellowship with others and connect more to your purpose in life, pay attention to your resistance and find the strength to embrace the challenge.

Teens at St. Perpetua gather regularly to go over the purpose in life. This coming week we gather three times:

- **Sunday, April 14 for Confirmation** gathers at 6:30 pm for an evening on our Mission as Christians
- **Monday, April 15 Youth Group** gathers at 7:30 pm in the RRC for a look at moral dilemmas we face
- **Thursday, April 18** Confirmation joins the parish community Holy Thursday liturgy at 7:30 pm

Spend time this week reflecting on the movements of Jesus’ final journey. Identify the Stations of the Cross through the passion story. See yourself in each encounter Jesus has. Do you identify with the guard who had his ear cut off? Peter’s denial? Judas’ betrayal? Or Simon’s support of Jesus? Maybe you identify with the weeping women or the guards that torment Jesus? Draw one of these encounters to pray with each day this week. Questions, drop me an email.

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**Grand Opening Celebration**

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 18**. You don't want to miss the **Celebration of the Grand Opening of our new Community Center**. You are the reason we built it... so let's gather, give thanks to God and celebrate. Join us from 6:15-9:00 p.m. (following the 5:00 Mass) for the Grand Opening celebration - food, drink, music and fun! Details and ticket purchasing information to follow.

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The Women’s Ministry announces Women’s **FUN LUNCH BUNCH**

Which will be nothing but fun!  
April 18, 12 pm  
**Third Thursday of the month**  
La Finestra, Moraga  
Get to know new St. P’s women  
Bring a friend! Questions?  
Call Domini Tarman 925 413-4694

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**Volunteers Needed for Elderly**

If you are looking for a local, impactful and rewarding volunteer opportunity John Muir/ Caring Hands may be it. They have over 50 elderly people in the East Bay on a waiting list for a once a week companion to help with errands, doctors appointments, social outings etc. They live independently and often have little family for support. You can also volunteer to just be a driver when it fits your schedule.

For more information contact parishioner Barbara Price at 925-324-7366 or email barbarab3152@gmail.com or visit the website www.johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands. Please consider this very wonderful, local organization that really needs more volunteers.
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

How does Jesus begin his entrance into the city of death? He's been journeying toward Jerusalem for the last ten chapters of Luke's gospel. This journey must have taken several weeks. Or was it years? Or was it his entire lifetime? Or did the journey begin with the creation of the world, and culminate on Calvary, and find its fullest meaning very close to Golgotha, in a new tomb that would only be inhabited for a moment?

Having made the journey for which he was born, for which he came into the world, Jesus stood outside the city and gave two disciples directions to a colt—a peacetime animal—and instructed them to just untie it and bring it to him for his entrance into Jerusalem.

Imagine that. The owner of the tethered colt sees two people untie it, and leading it away. He asks, "Why are you taking my property?" They answer, as if this solves everything, "The Master has need of it." And that's that. The creature that will carry Jesus into the city that will murder him goes off with the disciples. The owner, apparently, understands perfectly.

In our lives, death and suffering, resurrection and life are always hovering. Jesus is always making his way to us, giving instructions of where to find what we "own" so that it can be given to him in order to bring life out of our deaths. The warmth and rock-hard faith you've been withholding because others might see who you really are? You'll need to give all that up. The Master has need of it.

In what ways is your life a heart-felt Hosanna?
Kathy McGovern c. 2019 www.thestoryandyou.com

Holy Week
April 14—April 21, 2019
Palm Sunday
Please see the back page of the bulletin for Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, RRC
Confirmation, 6:30 pm,

Monday
Children’s Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Women Walking with Purpose, 7:30 pm, RRC
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, School

Tuesday
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office

Wednesday
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Church

Holy Thursday—No Morning Mass

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bed, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions
April 13—April 15, 2018

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From sundown on Holy Thursday until sundown on Easter Sunday we mark the end of the forty days of the great fast of Lent and enter the doorway to the great celebration of the Easter Season. It is the focal point of the entire liturgical year. In these three days we experience all that it means to be a Christian community.

Holy Thursday, April 18:
The Lord’s Supper, 7:30 p.m. (No Morning Mass)

Good Friday, April 19:
Stations of the Cross, 1:15 p.m. &
The Lord’s Passion, 2:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20: 8:30 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)
(All the above services will be held in the Church)

Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses
(All the Easter Sunday services will be held at Stanley Middle School)
(Easter treats after the 9:30 a.m. Mass)