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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HEBREWS 12:22
You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Dear Friends,

Our scripture reading this weekend from the Letter to the Hebrews offers us a challenge that is as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago when the passage was written. The author invites us to move away from an experience and expression of faith that sees us as trembling in fear before God (You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast...). Instead, the author offers us a brighter, happier and more attractive vision of what an encounter with God can be like (You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven.) The author doesn’t invites us into a horror chamber – dark and dismal, but into a celestial dinner party where a good time can be had by all.

There is a saying that goes: Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads. Along with the scandals that have plagued the Church and have turned many faithful away from the institution and even from God, the attitude and actions of believers carry a lot of influence on how others perceive the Church and their understanding of God. If we are ambassadors for Christ we need a periodic check-in to make sure that the image of God and the Church to which we are witnessing is attractive to others. What image of God do you carry within yourself? Do you find your faith to be a burden on your life? Your religious practice just ‘one more thing’ on an already overburdened schedule? Faith in God and participation in the life of the Church ought to lift our spirits and increase our capacity for joy. When that joy of the Spirit influences our daily living we can’t help but let it shine so others can see and experience it. May our lives radiate the goodness of God and the life of Christ that gives meaning to our work and worship, to our family relationships and our encounter with friends. Let’s take the Lord at his word as it’s expressed through the prophet Jeremiah (29:11-14):

I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you,
plans to give you the future you hope for
When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen.
When you come looking for me, you'll find me.
Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else
I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.”

Father John Kasper, OSFS

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Attention: Gentlemen!

Looking for ways to connect with other men from St. Perpetua Community?

Now, with a great new space, there are new opportunities for socializing with friends and making new ones. Mark your calendar for a Men’s Night on Monday, September 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the new Grand Hall of the Community Center.

This will be a Monday Night Football game between the Oakland Raiders and the Denver Broncos.

Watch it on our Big Screens!
Youth Ministry
Confirmation/Youth Group
For teens in high school, our day-to-day lives can be busy and hectic, and sometimes overwhelming. Juggling family, school, sports, school, community-related organizations (scouts, theater, social clubs), and work can be a huge challenge. Sometimes we just need to slow down and gain some insight about what and who help us grow as a person using our faith as the foundation for the response. Teens have this opportunity during the week at St. Perpetua youth group gatherings, and for those who would like to prepare for Confirmation, we gather on Sunday evenings. In both youth group and Confirmation gatherings all high school youth have the opportunity to work together to understand our faith, to pray, to learn from each other, to meet other teens, and to have fun!

Why join other teens at St Perpetua? We take time to understand and practice our faith as a part of the larger community and the Church. Here are a few examples of our focus for the coming year:

• Ways to Celebrate What is Right With The World
• Discovering our Gifts
• Social Justice through feeding and being with the poor
• Understanding the Sacraments
• The Ten Commandments – Updated for today’s teens
• Helping others through community service work – Food Bank

Go to St. Perpetua’s website for registration forms and the youth group and confirmation calendars. Paper copies will be available in the parish office and after masses. Youth Group starts Wednesday, September 18. For Confirmation, there are three different information nights to choose from on our preparation for the Sacrament: Tuesday, September 3, Wednesday, September 4, or Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 pm in the Saint Francis Room in the new Community Center. Choose one information night to attend. Questions? drop me an email at gguerrero@stperpetua.org.

SAVE THE DATE
For this year’s Oktoberfest, Sunday, October 6, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Watch your mail this week for details or go to: https://www.stperpetua.org/oktoberfest-2019

JustFaith
Choose how you want to make a difference. JustFaith is a small group program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately. JustFaith is comprised of three phases that will help you explore today’s issues together as you open your heart and mind to the Spirit of God in our midst, and dialogue together about how you can make a difference. Phases can be taken individually or together. We will be offering the first phase beginning Monday, September 16. If you would like more information or would like to register for JustFaith contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Outreach Agency Distributions
The Outreach Committee did not meet in the month of July so when we returned in August, we were delighted with your generosity to the 5th Sunday Outreach collection as well as monthly support by a number of parishioners. As a result, we are blessed to be able to support various agencies and the work that each does. This month $7,000.00 ($500.00 each) was sent to Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Bay Area Rescue Mission, CCIC – Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Contra Costa Food Bank/Extra Helping, St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry at St Francis of Assisi Church, Foster Family Network of Contra Costa County, Friendly Manor/St. Mary’s Center, Hope Conference, STAND! for Families Free of Violence, Trinity Center, We Care (Barbara Milliff Children’s Center), Winter Nights and Youth Homes. All of the agencies are extremely thankful for your continuing support. Thank you!

The next 5th Sunday Collection for Outreach will be the weekend of 9/28 – 9/29

July & August Food Basket Collection
Thank you for continuing to remember the monthly request for various items for the two food pantries that we support. Your generosity is a blessing that helps the pantries serve the people for which they exist.

In July, Virginia & Al LaFaille were very happy to deliver 30 bags of macaroni & cheese, and rice to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry @ St Francis of Assissi Church.

This month, August, Jim Fulton was delighted to be able to deliver 32 bags of peanut butter, jelly, and crackers to Monument Crisis Center to help replenish the shelves that empty all to quickly.

Requested items for the weekend of September 14/15 collection: Canned Meals: Pasta, Chili and Stew
Please remember these items when doing your own shopping!

Late June Blue Barrel Collection
It is fun for us to look for something that will bring joy to a young child and you showed that with your wonderful support of our request for backpacks to be distributed by Monument Crisis Center. Included is a link to view photos of some of the children, parents and the local police officers who seemed to enjoy the event almost as much as the youngsters. 2019 Backpack Day Facebook.

The following is an excerpt from a letter of thanks from Sandra Scherer, Executive Director at Monument Crisis Center – “Thank you for your terrific support of our 2019 “Back-2-School” Backpack Drive. With the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year—your donation of 30 awesome new backpacks has made a difference in our community, helping to give at risk and low income students a terrific sense of pride and enthusiasm for the challenges that each school year brings, as well as the tools needed for academic and personal success. With your generosity, we were able to distribute over 1,400 backpacks to underserved youth in Contra Costa County, children who rarely have anything new, that they can call their own—so very special and so very appreciated! The entire team at the Monument Crisis Center is extremely grateful for your continued support—you helped to make “Back-2-School” happy for so many!”
Dear Friends at St. Perpetua,

Thanks so much for your welcome and generous support for the Maya Indian Missions. I enjoyed celebrating the liturgies with you and am most grateful for your prayers. I look forward to being back with the Maya soon. If you need more information or would like to receive our Maya bulletin please let us know at mayamissions.com. Gracias. Paz

Fr. Bill Auth, OSFS

Welcome into the Catholic community

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

Isla Ena Argenal
daughter of Justin & Suzanne Argenal

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

WINTER NIGHTS

BART paper tickets are becoming obsolete - yet Winter Nights can turn them into cash for the Clipper Cards. If you have any paper BART tickets that you'd like to donate, please put into the offering plate. Thank you for supporting Winter Nights.

Where has the Time Gone?

Would you believe it? The Shoes That Fit program sponsored by The Outreach Committee will be starting another new school season, once again partnering with Los Medanos, and Willow Cove Elementary Schools in Pittsburg. We have already heard from Willow Cove and we expect to post shoe requests on our STF bulletin board at church by mid-September. We thank you ahead of time for your ongoing support. Thanks so much. Carol Weyer and Marj Ho - The Outreach Committee

Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Special Collection

Next weekend September 7 & 8

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dennis Callahan, Anne Lagache, Bruce Wood, Chris Bruzzone, Dylan Cazin, Maureen Graf, Arelene Fannin, Jimmy Fulton, Tish Reardon, Mary Barker, Krismond & Vincent Bicomong, Joseph Farrell and Michael Strittmatter.

Mass Intentions

August 31—September 8, 2019

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COMING UP

this Week

at St. Perpetua

Sept. 1 - Sept. 8

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

Monday
Parish Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday
Women Walking with Purpose—Bible Study
9:30 am & 7:00 pm Community Ctr. Grand Hall East
Liturgy Cntr. 6:30 pm, Dining Room
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Lounge
Confirmation Information Night, 7:30 pm,
Community Ctr. Grand Hall West
Outreach Cntr, 7:30 pm, Conference Room

Wednesday
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Church
Confirmation Information Night, 7:30 pm,
Community Ctr. Grand Hall West

Thursday
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, Dining Room
Confirmation Information Night, 7:30 pm,
Community Ctr.

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
CLOW Presider’s Meeting, 10:30 am, Saint Francis Room
Faith Formation Family Class, 6:00 pm,
Community Ctr.
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St. Perpetua Children's Choir Registration and Agreement

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!! 4th Grade – 8th Grade students from both the parish and the school are invited to join the Children’s Choir. Students are encouraged, but not required, to participate for the full school year. Younger students will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
**This activity is provided by St. Perpetua School and is free of charge.**

**Rehearsals:** Mondays after school from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Beginning September 9th, and continuing through March 16th (with an option to continue through April 6th to sing at Easter Mass.)

**School Holiday Week Rehearsals:**
In weeks with a Monday holiday, the group will rehearse that Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. (however, if there is a conflict, please just let the director know.)

**St. Perpetua students must be registered in Panther House.** They will go to Panther House from 3:00-3:30. A 30 minute daily Panther House fee of $3 will apply to each attended day. There is also an option to return to Panther House after 5:00 p.m. (advance notice required).

**Location:** The TK Classroom (formerly called the RRC)

**Rise and Shine Mass Performances:**
9:30 mass on Sundays October 27th, November 17th, December 8th, February 23rd, and March 22nd. (Optional Easter Mass performance April 12th.)

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Student Name ________________________________

Grade ____ School ________________________________

I, the undersigned, am the parent/guardian of the child named above who wishes to participate in the 2019-2020 St. Perpetua Children’s Choir. I have read and accept the group rehearsal schedule and performance dates. By signing this form, I agree to enroll my student and pick them up on time. I understand that there is no “after choir care” (unless you are a St. Perpetua family participating in Panther House). Consistent tardiness at pick up time will result in my student being asked to leave the group.

Parent Name(s) Printed ________________________________

Parent Name(s) Signed ________________________________

Parent Email(s) ________________________________

Parent Cell Phone(s) ________________________________

Please notify the Director, Lisa Iholmes, at lholmes@csdo.org if you have any questions or concerns.