ST. PERPETUA CHURCH

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH • ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY • SHARING OUR GIFTS

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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available

The Son of Man has come
to seek and to save
what was lost.
Luke 19:10

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

ST. SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Dear Friends,

A custom that has been lost to many Catholics is the tradition of visiting the cemetery -- not just on All Souls Day, but throughout the year. I recall peaceful walks as a child with my mother through the winding pathways of Calvary Cemetery in my hometown in Ohio. As a child I learned from my faith and my family that those who have died are not lost to us. We are in communion with them even beyond the grave. The cemetery was never a place to be feared, but a pilgrimage site to be honored and respected. We wept at grave sites, but we shed tears of sadness, not despair. We shared stories and photographs and remembrances of my grandparents and other family members and friends who died. I learned my family heritage as my mother told me about the names on the tombstones -- people whom I never met, but whose blood and family name I inherited. They were part of me and I was part of them. That early foundation -- a belief in the resurrection of the dead -- has helped me as an adult to face the death of many close friends and family members -- my godfather who died of leukemia, a close friend and parish co-worker who died of cancer, members of my religious community, and friends who died of AIDS, my parents who died too young, parishioners whose lives and deaths have touched me deeply. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing for the living.

The Catholic Book of Household Blessings and Prayers offers this prayer to be recited at the cemetery:

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice. May we serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live and reign forever and ever.

The recent threat of fires so close to us and the destruction of the Lafayette Tennis Club and a home in our vicinity remind us that life is fragile and this world and its possessions are temporal realities. May the recent Feast of All Saints, November 1st, and All Souls, November 2nd, which commemorate the faithful departed and all who dwell in the eternal glory of God, be a time of grace for you and your family. Most of us live far away from the cemeteries where loved ones and ancestors are buried, but we can bring to mind and heart those who have left this world. Take out your family photo albums and sit quietly with your children as you teach them their heritage and family history. Help them to understand where they came from and where they are going -- to a place of glory reserved for them in God's eternal home. Let them know that life is good! We have nothing to fear. God loves us so much that for people of faith there is not death -- only more life!

Fr. John Kasper, OSFS
FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

This month, Jim Fulton was thrilled to deliver 36 heavy bags of assorted canned and dried beans to Monument Crisis Center.

Many thanks for your continued support and remembering the monthly request for various items for the two food pantries that we support. The pantries deplete quickly so your generosity is a blessing that helps the pantries serve the people for which they exist.

Requested items for the weekend of November 9th and 10th collection:
Masa Harina, Sugar, Flour (preferably 5 lb. bags) and Vegetable Oil

Please remember these items when doing your shopping!

Our annual December Food Bag drive will be held in early December so stay tuned!

GOOD NEWS! Monthly Shelter Meals Resume

The monthly Shelter Dinners are back! The first meal was prepared in our new state of the art kitchen by Monica Chappell and helpers; Emmelie Woo, Mary King, and Mimi Smith. They prepared all the fixings for a Taco Bar, rice, beans, chips and salsa.

Trina and James Audley and family along with Jim Fulton transported the meal to the shelter and were delighted to serve 75 thrilled guests. A comment from one of the transporters “What a blessing to get to be there and to get to dish up deliciousness – thanks to St. P chefs!”

If you are interested in finding out more about possibly getting involved in this fulfilling ministry, please contact Monica Chappell – monicachappell12@gmail.com

November is Homeless Awareness Month

During the month of November, Contra Costa will join national efforts to increase awareness and promote solutions to ending homelessness. Last year, nearly 7,000 homeless men, women, and children in Contra Costa County used homeless services. We each can play a part in ending homelessness in our community. The Social Justice Committee will have a table with resources available after all the Masses the weekend of Nov. 9/10. You can also access them here: https://cchealth.org/h3/coe/pdf/Homeless-Awareness-Toolkit.pdf

Social Justice Committee Housing

Myth: Building high-density housing and low-cost housing near public transit will cause traffic and congestion problems.

Fact: Most residents of this type of housing are commuters who need to get to work or those who have no other means of transportation. There seems to be no evidence that those in low-cost housing appear different than the general population.
Welcome into the Catholic Community
Congratulations! This weekend we welcome the following children into our parish community through the waters of Baptism:

Beau John Williams
son of Dodge & Anna Williams

Callan James Klein
son of Christopher & Marisa Klein

May our community embrace Beau & Callan 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!

Dear Parishioners:
Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Quinlan on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Yours in Christ, Jim Cavnar, President

We Need Your Help!
The Muffin People need more people to join us in collecting food that is about to reach the “Sell by Date” at retail stores such as Trader Joe’s, Whole Foods, Safeway and Diablo Foods. It takes 24 vehicles a week to perform our Ministry of service to those in need. For information or to join, contact Jack Dice at 376-7189.

Mass Intentions
November 2 - November 10, 2019

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st. perpetua grand hall

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