**ST. PERPETUA CHURCH**

**CELEBRATING OUR FAITH • ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY • SHARING OUR GIFTS**

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**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

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> You will be hated by all  
> because of my name,  
> but not a hair on your head  
> will be destroyed.  

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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2019**
Dear Friends,

With the recent change of our clocks to “daylight savings” time and the quickly approaching Thanksgiving-Christmas time of the year, I’m even more aware of the pressure of TIME and how anxiety over it can control our lives, preventing us from living in and enjoying the “present moment.” In her reflection “A Matter of Time,” Benedictine spiritual guide and author Sr. Joan Chittister, offers wise advice on our attitude and use of time:

Every country on earth has some kind of cliché or stereotype attached that portends to describe the personality characteristics of its people. Germans are hardworking, the conventional wisdom concludes; the French are romantic; the Irish are fun loving; the Swiss are efficient. The labels go all the way around the globe. And there’s a bit of truth to all of them and a lot of error, as well. But whatever the balance of truth in the markers, the conviction that there are such things as national characteristics cling to a people like oil on rock. The labels say something about the qualities a people value, about the nature of their culture, about their priorities.

My young father, dead at 25, left nothing behind for me except his prayer book and one prayer card. I read it over and over as a child. It’s been gone for years but I remember parts of it yet. It read:

I have only just a minute,
Only 60 seconds in it.
Given to me, didn’t choose it.
Mustn’t waste it, can’t refuse it
But I must suffer if I lose it.

There was more to that doggerel, of course, but I have forgotten that by now—but not its message. On the contrary, the basic message got through to me and haunted me. It was legacy enough for the rest of my life. The American mantra, I learned, is time.

We are, in fact, obsessed with time. We’re a pragmatic, productive people, and time is the national God. It shows in our language. No other people on earth speak of time as we do. We spend time and invest time and need time and lose time and save time and waste time and find time and buy time and gain time and want time. And, in the end, time, not life, threatens to absorb us.

Time, the American assumes, is for doing something, for producing things, for achieving goals. And in our commitment to pragmatism and effectiveness, we far too often fail to realize that life is really about becoming a person of merit and worth. It might be useful to take a moment each day to give more serious consideration to what we are becoming rather than to what we are doing as time goes by.

—from The Sacred In-Between by Joan Chittister (Twenty-Third Publications)
Hello teens and parents of St. Perpetua. This week teens gather twice to explore where they are on their faith journey. Confirmation Candidates gather Sunday for an evening on the "Prayer Process." During our evening we cover different models of prayer, and the basis for our prayers as Catholics, and learn the Ignatian TRAP prayer model. Teens gather for Youth Group on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 pm for an evening look at gratitude. In preparation for the upcoming holiday, teens will come home with a prayer they can share with their family on Thanksgiving.

The Women’s Ministry Announces

FUN LUNCH BUNCH
Thur, Nov 21st, Noon
Il Pavone Restaurant
on Olympic @ Tice Valley, WC

R.S.V.P. If possible, but not required! DominiTarman@gmail.com

Thanksgiving at St. Perpetua
Our new Community Center could provide a wonderful setting for a Thanksgiving Dinner for parishioners who may be alone this holiday without family nearby or families who may like to join with others for a bigger celebration. If there is enough interest we can plan a dinner at 2:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28. Leave your name and number with Arlene at the Parish Office if you’re interested in participating and if you’d like to help plan the event.

Collection for Military Services—On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, thanks to those who contributed to the Collection last week. Your generosity will assist in the mission, “Serving Those Who Serve,” and will help make it possible for Catholic men and woman, and their families, currently serving in the U.S. Military, to receive the sacraments and pastoral care no matter their location around the globe. Your support will also provide the sacraments and pastoral care to those who are wounded, or as veterans, being cared for in one of the 153 Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Celebration
A community gathering with faith leaders from across the county and a volunteer multi-faith choir
Sunday, November 24, 3:30 p.m.
(choir singers arrive at 2:00 for practice)
Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton

Find inspiration, share abundance, commit to confronting poverty!

Social Justice Committee—Housing
Myth: They're not from around here.
Fact: The majority of those who are homeless are from California, and throughout the Bay Area, the majority are from the town or city where they currently reside, and have been residents there for ten years.

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. Here are some resources: https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Homeless-Awareness-Toolkit.pdf

Peppermint Shoppe is back on December 7th!
Peppermint Shoppe will be open for business on Saturday, December 7th, 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, pets and anyone else on their list. All gifts are priced at $2.00 each. Bring the kids, spread some holiday cheer and get some Christmas shopping done early! More details to come! If you have any questions, please contact Riza Santos (rizafsantos@yahoo.com) or Rowena Tucker (rowena.tucker1@gmail.com).
St. Perpetua Catholic Church

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:30 in the church.
A collection for Winter Nights will be taken.

Wreath Sale
Thinking you might need a wreath this year? Consider supporting local parishioner and Boy Scout, Oliver Lane, from Troop 204 by purchasing a live evergreen wreath for $25.00. Wreath sales provide funding for the troop's activities including the annual 50-mile backcountry hike, summer camp and snow camping. You can purchase after 5 pm Mass on November 23rd and November 30th, on December 1st after 9.30 am and 11.30 am Masses. You can also call Oliver and place your order at 925.808.9536, he delivers! All forms of payment accepted. Thank you for your consideration. Many thanks for the opportunity.

Save the Date!
January 18, 2020
At the new St. Perpetua Center
Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:30 pm Dinner
$60 per person

Coming Up this Week at St. Perpetua
November 17 - November 24

Sunday, November 17
9:30 am Rise & Shine Mass
10:30 am Faith Formation, St. Francis Rm
11:30 am Teen/Family Mass
3:00 pm Cantare Con Vio Concert, Church
6:00 pm Faith Formation, Community Ctr
7:30 pm Confirmation Gathering, Community Ctr

Monday, November 18
9:00 am Shelter Meals, Kitchen
12:00 pm Task Force Meeting
6:45 pm Centering Prayer, Chapel
7:00 pm JustFaith, St. Francis Room
7:00 pm Finance Council, Dining Room

Tuesday, November 19
9:30 am Women Walking with Purpose, Grand Hall East
5:30 pm Faith Formation, St. Francis Room
7:00 pm Women Walking with Purpose, Grand Hall East
7:00 pm RCIA, Conference Room

Wednesday, November 20
6:30 pm Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, November 21
9:15 am Bible Study with Sr. Laurel, Dining Room
7:00 pm Bible Study with Sr. Laurel, St. Francis Room
7:00 pm Social Justice Cmte., Conference Room

Sunday, November 24
9:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word, St. Francis Room
11:30 am Teen/Family Mass, Church
1:30 pm Wells of Life—Peter Callahan, St. Francis Room

Together We Pray for the Sick

Mass Intentions
November 16 - November 24, 2019

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9:30 am Virginia De Roia ♦
11:30 am Keoni Atkinson ♦
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For many people, a speeding ticket usually means a bit of embarrassment, a fine, or the inconvenience of appearing in court. But for those living in poverty, a speeding ticket can become a life-altering event.

In New Orleans, Donald lost his license years ago because he was caught speeding, could not pay the fine, and could not take off work to go to court. Contempt of court citations and unlicensed driving tickets quickly compounded the initial fine. Donald was losing hope that he could clear the backlog, get a better-paying job, and support his growing family while living right above the poverty level.

Thanks to your generosity to CCHD, the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ) was able to provide Donald with the support he needed to change his situation. NOWCRJ hosted a clinic where Donald set up payment plans for his fines and got his license reinstated. Now Donald has a new job and has been able to save money to move into his own apartment. NOWCRJ is also working with the judicial system to reduce backlogs, expunge records, and change how penalties are issued.

With your contributions, our brothers and sisters across the country are breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

### Community and Economic Development Programs

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- Creating Resilient Communities, Access to Housing, and Strong Schools: 28.4%
- Building a Just Economy and Protecting Worker Rights: 24.5%
- Economic Empowerment: New Businesses, Jobs, and Financial Opportunity: 23.8%
- Reforming the Criminal Justice System: 8.7%
- Defending the Rights of Immigrants: 8.7%
- Protecting the Environment: 4.3%
- Expanding Access to Health Care and Empowering Persons with Disabilities: 1.3%