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

3454 Hamlin Road Lafayette, CA 94549
Phone (925) 283-0272
www.stperpetua.org

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

Even as we close this season of Christmas-Epiphany which has marked for Christians the birth and revelation of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, our world is marked by the absence of peace and and increase of war and threats of war, of violence and discrimination. Our own nation has witnessed the disturbing face of hatred. According to the Anti-Defamation League’s annual audit, in the past five years there has been a 150% increase in antisemitic incidents in the United States – from 751 incidents in 2013 to 1879 incidents in 2019. There are many factors contributing to the surge of anti-Semitism, which has included more violent incidents such as the recent heinous attack at a rabbi’s home in Monsey, New York, on the 7th night of Chanukah. They include hate spread on social media, a political climate in our country that has emboldened extremists, loss of memory about the lessons of the Holocaust and virulent animosity toward Israel spilling over into anti-Semitism.

Over fifty years ago at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) the Catholic Bishops approved the document “Nostra Aetate,” Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions. This official statement is the first in Catholic history to focus on the relationship that Catholics have with Jews. It reveres the work of God in all the major faith traditions. Regarding the relationship of the Catholic Church to Judaism, the document states: In her rejection of every persecution against any person, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.... We cannot truly call on God, the Father of all, if we refuse to treat in a brotherly way any person, created as s/he is in the image of God. Our relation to God the Father and God’s relation to people are so linked together that Scripture says: "Whoever who does not love does not know God" (1 John 4, 8).

No political ends can justify the toleration of anti-Semitism. Every citizen, whether aligned with the political right or the left, must denounce these crimes against our Jewish brothers and sisters. As Catholics we especially must take to heart the words of Pope Francis: “A Christian cannot be an anti-Semite; we share the same roots. It would be a contradiction of faith and life. Rather, we are called to commit ourselves to ensure that anti-Semitism is banned from the human community.”

Father John Kasper, OSFS
Teens, in today’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus humbly requested baptism and began his active ministry. The Spirit of God confirms his identity and Scripture marks Jesus as claimed by the Father. We too are part of God’s Family by virtue of Baptism. We mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, reminding us of our true identity. We are God’s beloved sons and daughters, we belong to God. In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua we work together to look at our gifts and how we can use them to spread the Good News through word and deed, how to be God’s beloved children. Look below for our upcoming gatherings.

- Sunday, January 12 - Teen/Family Youth Mass at 11:30.
- Sunday, January 12 - Confirmation gathers starting at 4 pm for a look at the Bible and the story of salvation history. Note the earlier time for this (and the February 9th gathering).
- Monday, January 13 - Youth Group starting at 7:30 pm in the Community Center for a look at encountering Jesus in Scripture as a way to illuminate the many ways Jesus comes to us in our everyday lives.
- Saturday, January 18 - Service opportunity at the Knights of Columbus Crab Feed. See separate email to sign up.

This week take time to reflect on how you live out your Baptismal promise and how you serve God and one another as Jesus called us to do.

Gary

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for building and installing cabinets in the storage room of our new Community Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
Parents of children 4th grade or higher please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, January 14
at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
OR
Wednesday, January 15
at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

both meetings will be held in the St. Francis Room in the Community Center
for information contact Kristine
kristine@stperpetua.org

Winter Nights Fundraiser - Save The Date
Join us in the new Parish Center on Saturday, February 8th for the Winter Nights Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. All proceeds from the dinner will support the Winter Nights Rotating Family Shelter Program, a volunteer effort of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. The Program operates from mid-October through early June, providing shelter from the elements for some of Contra Costa County’s most vulnerable homeless individuals, namely children and seniors. You may purchase tickets and make donations to Winter Nights on our Website. Doors for the event will open immediately following the 5:00 Mass. Please plan to support this wonderful cause.

National Migration Week: January 5 – 12
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Walk for Life
West Coast—San Francisco
January 25, 12:30 pm

Before the walk, Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland invites you to join them for Mass with his brother bishops at 9:30 am at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

The walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm and after the Rally, we will proceed down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza.

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The Annual Ruby Slippers Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) will hold its annual Ruby Slippers fundraiser February 8th at Blackhawk Auto Museum. This event benefits local homeless families and individuals. Cocktails, dinner and live music. For ticket information visit www.ccinterfaithhousing.org. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Bible Study (2 Corinthians) begins again on Thursday, January 23rd!
              All are welcome!!
No need to have done any other series or previous Scripture. Sign up in Atrium of our new Center after Mass. Major topics will include: suffering as an integral part of discipleship, God as comforter, Paul’s theology of the cross, Paul as pastor, God revealed as the One whose power is perfected in weakness, believers as “treasure in earthen vessels”, death and hope, on being a preacher, and the ministry of reconciliation -- the heart of discipleship.

Sessions will meet from 9:15-11:00 am in the Offices’ conference room for eleven weeks (ending the week before Holy Week). An evening session (7:00-8:30 pm) will be held in the chapel conference room if we have a minimum of six regular participants sign up for this.

In addition to 2 Corinthians itself we will use Thomas D Stegman, SJ’s commentary, Second Corinthians as guide and supplement. If you have questions please contact Sister Laurel at SRLAUREL@aol.com or call her at 925-283-7252 any day between 3:00pm and 8:00 pm.

Together we pray for the sick
Chris Bruzzone, Dylan Cazin, Arelene Fannin, Tish Reardon, Joseph Farrell, Rich Delaney, Marie Gidre, Tim Hennessy, Bridget Teranen, Vincent Bicomong, Jan Krismon Sunga, Barbara Worsham & Manuel Luna.
You are cordially invited to the Knights of Columbus, Council 7683, annual Crab Feed (crab, pasta, salad and dessert) to benefit the school, parishes and local charities. Chicken dinners are also available on prior request. Sure to be a sell-out at our new Venue!

Feast on an all-you-can eat dinner served by local high school student volunteers. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of delicious food, fun and warm friendship!

When: Saturday, January 18, 2020
Where: The new St. Perpetua Community Center at 3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette, CA 94549
Time: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, Dinner Served at 7:30 p.m. No host bar. Bringing wine or other spirits prohibited.
Price: $60 per person.

Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction at the Crab Feed
Don’t forget about the Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction! You can win big with the huge table of valuable and fun raffle prizes. Tickets will be on sale before and during dinner. Silent auction items will also be available for your bidding pleasure.

Order Your Crab Feed Dinner Tickets Now
Please call Mike Arnold to reserve your seats: (415) 254-8437
You may also use Sign-Up Genius for tickets:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c04Haadaa28a0f58-2020

Prefer to send a check? After RSVP to Mike. $60.00 per person, payable to "Knights of Columbus", c/o Mike Arnold, PO Box 863, Orinda, CA 94563-0858