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

Behold, this child is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.
LUKE 2:34

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friends,
One of the greatest challenges society faces, whether in government, economics, education, or church -- both on global and local levels -- is leadership with integrity. We need visionaries who can see beyond the present moment and call people to plan for the future. We need unifiers who bring people together, putting the interests of the common good before narrow self-interest. We need leaders who measure national and personal success in more than just economic terms. We need leaders who inspire and call forth the best in people. There are signs of hope in the Church under the leadership of Pope Francis. His most recent appointments of bishops in the U.S. and globally, as well as leadership roles in the various Vatican offices are indications of a desire to breathe new life into tired and outmoded structures. He is reviving the spirit of renewal that was so alive in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. In a recent address to the Curia in Rome, the Holy Father said:

…What we are experiencing is not simply an epoch of changes, but an epochal change. We find ourselves living at a time when change is no longer linear, but epochal. It entails decisions that rapidly transform our ways of living, of relating to one another, of communicating and thinking, of how different generations relate to one another and how we understand and experience faith and science. “Epochal” refers to times or events that are very important because they involve new developments and great change. Pope Francis has proven to be the unifier and visionary that we need as we face the accelerating changes in our world. Sr. Joan Chittister offers this prayer invoking God to inspire leadership that will reflect Christ’s vision of God’s Kingdom in all aspects of human enterprise, but especially in government.

Prayer for Leadership

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large enough
to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than development for ourselves—
though development we hope for—
more than security for our own land—
though security we need—
more than satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader
who will work with other leaders
to bring safety to the whole world.

Give us leaders
who lead this nation to virtue
without seeking to impose our kind of
virtue on the virtue of others.

Give us a government
that provides for the advancement
of this country without taking resources
from others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves
to choose as leaders those who can tell
strength from power, growth from greed,
leadership from dominance, and real
greatness from the trappings of
grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God,
to open our hearts to learn from those
to whom you speak in different tongues
and to respect the life and words
of those to whom you entrusted
the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God,
give us the vision as a people
to know where global leadership truly
lies, to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human rights
for everyone everywhere.

We ask these things, Great God,
with minds open to your word
and hearts that trust in your eternal care.

Amen.
—Joan Chittister
JustFaith
JustFaith Be the change. (Mahatma Gandhi) JustFaith is an inspiring and energizing, small-group program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants to live more simply and love more compassionately. Through engaging reading, thought-provoking dialogue and relationship building around today’s issues, you’ll share a journey of faith that invites you to consider how you can “be the change” in our world. JustFaith is comprised of three phases that can be taken individually or together. We will be offering the second phase, Journey to Justice, beginning Monday, February 10. If you would like more information or would like to register for JustFaith contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Please Join Us for a Film Watch of the award-winning film Hesburgh!
Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 PM
St. Perpetua Community Center
A post-film discussion will be facilitated by Notre Dame senior alumnus, retired/assigned Alameda County Superior Court judge David Krashna. David appears in the film to talk about when he was the student body president during the Vietnam protests.

The Hesburgh film chronicles the life of "One ordinary man. One extraordinary life"; The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. - long-time president of the University of Notre Dame. It is written about the Fr. Ted film:

“Hesburgh offers a unique glimpse at more than fifty years of American history. Educator, civil rights champion, advisor to presidents, envoy to popes, theologian and activist, Hesburgh was called on by countless world leaders to tackle the most challenging issues of the day. Through it all, he remained a man armed with a fierce intelligence, a quick wit and an unyielding moral compass – a timeless example of bipartisan leadership that would serve us in today’s increasingly polarized times.”

Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Club of San Francisco Bay Area and its Senior Alumni. Admission is free, donations are welcome. A raffle, silent auction and light refreshments are planned.

Your RSVP is very important!
Please call John P. Wackowski at 925-472-5208 or email John.wackowski@wfadvisors.com, or call Lynnell Hopkins at 925-472-5218 or email lynnell.hopkins@wfadvisors.com

Go Irish!

January Shelter Meal
On the third Monday of each month, volunteers prepare a meal for a Shelter located in Concord. This month, Chef Monica Chappell prepared a delicious meal of ham, broccoli and cheese stratas, salad and bread.

The hot meals were transported by Trina, James and William Audley and met at the shelter by Casey and Colin Handly where the group served over 75 hungry and enthusiastic guests. By the conversations, they were delighted with the tasty and filling meal.

Thanks to everyone for your dedication to this much needed ministry. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the shelter meals or possibly either helping with preparation or transporting and serving, please contact Monica Chappell at Monicachappell12@gmail.com.

A photo of the Audley’s vehicle packed with the large containers that are provided for safe transport of the food.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

It’s Pancake Breakfast time. It is on Sunday February 9, after the 8 am and 9:30 am Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be serving the Pancake Breakfast in the new Community Center.

Come join with other parishioners and enjoy the Knights’ traditional bountiful breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, ham, coffee, hot chocolate and juice.

All of this for $5 adults and $3 for children.

Everyone is invited!
Social Justice Committee – Immigration
Our immigration system is cruel and capricious, a contrast to Pope Francis’ call to “tear down walls and build bridges.”
A little boy from Central America watched both his parents murdered, execution-style. Immigration advocates told us that when his grandmother brought him over the border, U.S. authorities took the traumatized child away from his abuela, placing him in child protective services instead. His grandmother did not fit the administration’s definition of “family,” so this separation was, in their minds, legal.

For more information, contact Buzz Sherwood dianabuzz@earthlink.net. Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. Please join us.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Don’t we all love this story? And we only hear it in the odd year when the February 2nd Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday, and thus preempts the usual Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last time we heard it was in 2014.

It’s the concluding story in Luke’s gorgeous narrative of Jesus as an infant. His parents, observant Jews, traveled from Bethlehem to Jerusalem so that he could be “dedicated,” or “presented,” at the Temple. This ritual also called for the purification of the mother, which of course Our Lady did not need, but I’ll bet she went along with, as Jesus did his baptism.

We live this life in grateful service to God, but eternity has a foothold in our hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Simeon and Anna waited, decade after decade, for the salvation of Israel. When Joseph and Mary walked into the Temple that day with the Baby Jesus, the Holy Spirit led them both to perceive that their life’s waiting was finally over. All of us have this deep intuition, or maybe memory, that we are made for heaven. But it’s the timing of when we die, and how we die, that we wish we could direct. Anna and Simeon knew that the purpose of their lives had been fulfilled. But is that when most of us die? So often that seems impossible, especially in the deaths of children and young parents. On the other hand, the elderly sick, languishing for years, may beg God for death, and live and live.

Today’s gospel assures us that Jesus holds our future. Clinging to him in life is the surest way to recognize him at our death.

What are you hoping to achieve in your life before you see heaven?
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This Week at St. Perpetua
Sunday, February 2
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am, St. Francis Room
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am, Church

Monday, February 3
Centering Prayer, 6:45 pm, Chapel
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, St. Francis Room

Tuesday, February 4
Women Walking with Purpose, 9:30 am, Grand Hall East
Women Walking with Purpose, 7:00 pm, Grand Hall East
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Lounge
Outreach Cmte., 7:30 pm, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 5
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Church

Thursday, February 6
Bible Study with Sr. Laurel, 9:15 am, Conference Room
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, Dining Room
Preparing Our Hearts, 7:00 pm, Grand Hall/Church

Saturday, February 8
Winter Nights Pasta Feed, 6:00 pm, Grand Hall

Sunday, February 9
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, following the 8 and 9:30 am Masses, Grand Hall
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am, St. Francis Room
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am, Church

Mass Intentions
February 1 - February 9
Saturday 5:00 pm Gino Nuti
Sunday 8:00 am For the Community
9:30 am Roselinde Russell
Thursday 8:30 am Dan & Ellie Spillane
Saturday 5:00 pm Gino Nuti
Sunday 8:00 am Jean Vanden
9:30 am Maureen Graf
11:30 am For the Community

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 & Taylor Hannah.
St. Perpetua Winter Nights Pasta Dinner
An Italian meal made from scratch!
Spaghetti and Homemade Meatballs

(old family recipe from "Papa" Scotto)
Fresh pesto by Monette Meo
Caesar salad
Garlic bread and homemade tiramisu

Parish Community Center
Saturday, February 8th, 2020
Doors open at 6PM (after Mass)
Beer, Wine, No-Host Bar
Adults $20     Children $8

All proceeds will benefit Winter Nights' Shelter the Contra Costa program to provide temporary overnight housing for the homeless.

Purchase tickets and/or make a donation at www.stperpetua.org