March 15, 2020

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@esdo.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.

Third Sunday of Lent

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

John 4:7
Third Sunday of Lent

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Early Christians gave a name to the woman at the well from today’s Gospel passage: Photina. It means “she who is enlightened” or “she who has received [the] light.” This follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names upon characters to help us understand their role—and ours—in experiencing God’s saving power. All of the evangelists, John in particular, make the characters who encounter Jesus prototypes for all of us. Like all of us, Photina doesn’t “get it” at first. It takes a dialogue with Jesus (in this case, a rather argumentative one) for her to admit who she is to herself, and for Jesus to help her discover where she might find the true streams of eternal, life-giving water. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this as one of the Gospels always to be read for those newly seeking Christ, who will be enlightened and initiated in the new paschal light of the Easter Vigil.

NAME OR NO NAME?

Naming the woman at the well has fallen into disuse. In a way, especially for our society, naming things tends to be primarily about making them possessions. People name their pets, their houses, their cars, and so on. It was part of biblical naming tradition that giving or changing a name showed they were in God’s possession, but their new names were also chosen to imbue them with the reality of a changed or new direction in life. Most often, today we just name things to show our ownership. So it may be a good thing that we no longer name this woman, for her name could be any one of our names, male or female. She could be—she is—all of us. All of us, in baptism, are named for Christ. We are “christ-ened” and through our life, we bear our most important name: Christian. Lent calls us back to that name, back to a renewed dialogue with Christ, that we might once again be enlightened by the grace of his truth and love.

Today’s Readings: Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; Romans 5:1–2, 5–8; John 4:5–42 [5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42]
Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service:
Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. Church

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Palm Sunday, April 5
(All Masses will begin in the Grand Hall with Blessing of the Palms)

Holy Thursday, April 9
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30 p.m.
(No morning Mass)

Good Friday, April 10
Stations of the Cross, 1:15 p.m.
The Lord’s Passion, 2:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11
8:15 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Lafayette Citizens of the Year Announced

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Lamorinda Weekly have announced this year’s citizens of the year—longtime residents Rick and Janet Cronk.

Over the many years their generosity of time and talent have benefited multiple corners of the community and further afield. They have supported local, regional and international philanthropies, all while inspiring others with their leadership and volunteerism.

The 2019 Citizen of the Year Don Tatzin will be officially handing over the reins to the Cronks at a sold-out dinner in their honor Friday, March 13 at the Lafayette Hotel and Spa.

Tee Off for Healthy Families

Catholic Charities East Bay Golf Classic and Dinner Auction
Get ready to play the beautiful Lakeside Course at Blackhawk Country Club and support a great cause helping people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties!

$250 per golfer includes green fee, tee prizes, lunch, games, dinner, and a chance for $1 million.

Monday, April 27 - 10 am to 5:00 pm

Don’t Golf? Join us for reception, dinner and the auction for $60 per person. To sponsor or register: www.cceb.org/golf
For more information contact Michael Bauman, Golf Event Coordinator, 925.451.7682 or mbauman@cceb.org

The Parish is in need of a golf cart. If you or anyone you know would like to donate their used golf cart to the parish please give Wendy a call at 283-0272. Thank you!
THIRD WEEK OF LENT: Meet Yvone
Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit www.crsricebowl.org

Did you know?
In a group of 29 countries, the United States ranks 26 out of 29 for well-being of children. The U.S ranks 34 out of 35 for child poverty (35 being highest level of poverty). Every major economy on the planet guarantees paid maternity or family leave except the United States. What might be a Christian response to these facts? Please join this discussion on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Room or contact Christoph for more information.

The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies, and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor. *Economic Justice for All*, Chapter 1, 24.

A Devotional Concert for Holy Week: *Sacred Baroque Voci* Women’s Vocal Ensemble

* Mitchell Covington, Artistic Director
* With the Jubilate Baroque Orchestra

**Sunday, March 29** at 4:00 PM
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Berkeley

**Saturday, April 4** at 7:30 PM
St. Perpetua Catholic Church, Lafayette

$25 suggested donation at the door
$20 advance, $15 students
FREE for children between 6 and 12
Available at the door; or online from brownpapertickets.com or at https://vocisings.org
Information: (510) 531-8714

**TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

This Week at St. Perpetua

**Sunday, March 15**
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am, St. Francis Room
Confirmation Gathering, 6:30 pm, Community Center

**Monday, March 16**
Centering Prayer, 6:45 pm, Chapel
Finance Council, 7:00 pm, Dining Room
First Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, The Community Center
JustFaith, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 17**
RCIA, 7:00 pm Conference Room

**Wednesday, March 18**
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, The Grand Hall

**Thursday, March 19**
Bible Study with Sr. Lauren, 9:15 am, Conference Room
First Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, The Community Center

**Saturday, March 21**
Silent Saturdays, 9:00 am, Chapel
Small Faith Group, 9:30 am, Dining Room
School Auction, 6:00 pm, Grand Hall

**Sunday, March 22**
Rise & Shine Mass, 9:30 am, Church
Faith Formation Class, 10:30 am, St. Francis Room
Faith Formation Class & Team, 6:00 pm, Community Center

**Mass Intentions**

**March 14 - March 22**

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FIRST EUCHARIST
PRAYER BUDDY
MASSES

Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. Mass
and
Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Mass

Please consider being a Prayer Buddy for one of our
St. Perpetua Faith Formation and School students
who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist in April and May.

* As a Prayer Buddy you are asked to:
  * Pray daily for your buddy.
  * Write a letter to your buddy welcoming him/her to the Lord’s Table.
    You can also share why you love belonging to the Catholic Church
    or a story from your own First Eucharist.
  * At the Masses above the children will receive a blessing by Fr. John and
    then give their prayer card to parishioners in the pews with raised hands.
    This is a wonderful way to share your faith with the children of our parish.
  * Prayer Buddies are also asked to complete the sign up sheet in the back of the Church.