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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

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First Sunday of **LENT**

March 10, 2019



Jesus said to the devil,
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:12

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First Sunday of Lent

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Each of the scriptures for the First Sunday of Lent contains some sort of confessional statement. As we enter into the season of Lent these texts focus our attention on our own choice to place our trust in God. They help the elect prepare to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They remind the rest of us of the faith we once professed in baptism and invite us to choose wholeheartedly to renew those baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter.

Today's first reading is considered one of the most important professions of faith in the Hebrew Bible. By ritually reciting their history, the Jewish people expressed their faith in one God who oversees all of human history and who will continue to gather, save, and sustain every new generation of the Chosen People. The reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows that the heart of the Christian profession of faith is trust in the Lordship of the risen Christ, source of all salvation. The Gospel contains the familiar story of the temptation of Jesus by the devil, the setting for Jesus' threefold profession of faith and trust in God.

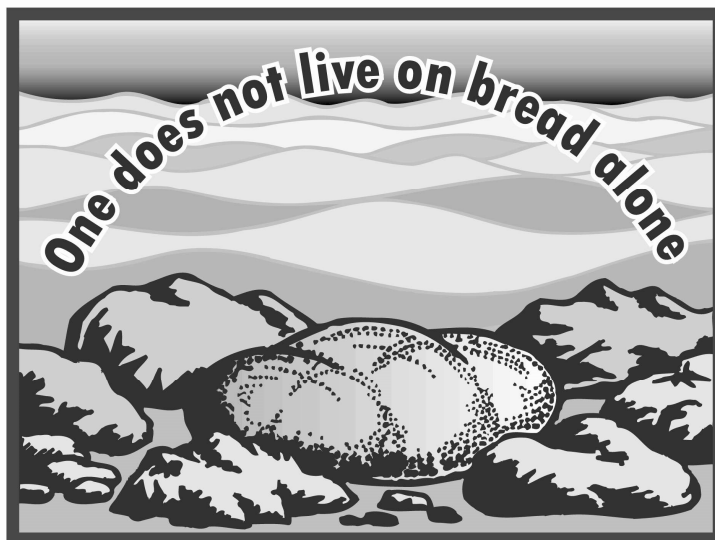
DAY BY DAY

At Easter, throughout Lent, and every day of our lives we are to profess and live our faith that "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Both Moses and Jesus tell us that we are to serve God alone. God chooses us as adopted children in baptism. Day by day we must choose to trust in God to save us, as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent God asks us to scrutinize every choice we make, so that at Easter we can truthfully "confess with [our] mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). With those who have chosen to be baptized this Easter, we must choose to put our faith in God rather than material goods, power, or any other devilish temptation.

Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15;

Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty. This week teens join with others in Faith Formation for a gathering on March 10.

Gary

The Recap of Winter Nights for 2019

We had 117 volunteers who participated by working, cooking, donating food, supplies & gift cards. In addition, a number of donations were cash - and we don't have a way to count those.

St. Perpetua collected \$1535 to cover expenses of the week - of that \$500 was sent to Orinda Community church for our share of overhead/lunches and over \$300 was sent directly to the organization to support the program/staff costs.

The "hands on" volunteer opportunities were covered by sign ups after the 9:30 mass, so none were available for the 11:30 folks. Many of those signing up commented that it will be good that we will be able to have the program at St. Perpetua next year as the hall will be complete. If that is possible, then we should have enough jobs for all who wish to volunteer! It also will give groups opportunities to volunteer - in the past we've had a Mother/Daughter group take a day, a neighborhood group covered one whole day, the Knights of Columbus, etc. It would give the school children an opportunity for "hands on"...as it was explained to me the school children make sandwiches for the homeless but cannot deliver them. This would give the school children an opportunity to directly assist with serving. Also is an opportunity for the confirmation students who need volunteer hours!

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic support with this Outreach project! The Winter Nights families are grateful for our care. Karen & Jan

Operation Rice Bowl: ENCOUNTER NORMA



In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more.

Social Justice Committee

The newly formed Social Justice committee has been meeting for a few months now. After time spent discussing various Social Justice issues, 12 active members decided to focus on 3 areas - Housing (homeless), Health care and Immigration. Look for more info about these issues in the upcoming weeks and months. We're meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. We hope you'll join us or contact Christoph for more information.

Outreach Agency Distributions

There are four 5th Sunday Second Collections this year: March 30 & 31, June 29 & 30, September 28 & 29 and December 28 & 29. You are wonderful in your support of these second collections and for that we are very grateful.

Food Basket



This weekend, March 9/10 will be the monthly food collection. Please bring canned fruit, vegetables, hominy. ***Please note drop off locations during construction: 1. by school office door , 2. by parish office door NOT at church!*** MANY THANKS to all parishioners who have participated in the monthly food collections to the St. P. Food Basket. Your contributions over the past years have been such a blessing to individuals and families serviced by two caring agencies: Monument Crisis Center and Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi (sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul).

The Annual Daffodil sale to benefit Friendly Manor will be held after all masses this weekend



Friendly Manor is a day center where homeless women can go to be safe & warm, have a shower, wash laundry, and have lunch! The daffodils remain at \$12. Please consider purchasing one or two pots as all funds go directly to help the ladies! Thank you.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, Orlando Portillo, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Dylan Cazin, Irwin Mettler, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, Lesley Kirchman, Laura Zellmer, Arelene Fannin, Jimmy Fulton and Manuel Luna.

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Sacred Conversations

First Sunday of Lent

Standing in the reception line of a friend's funeral recently, an acquaintance and I struck up a conversation, during which she reminded me that I sang at the funeral of her first husband, who died tragically in a river during a honeymoon rafting trip forty years ago.

"Wait," I said, "that was YOU? I've told the story of singing 'Be not Afraid' at the funeral of a bridegroom who drowned on his honeymoon so many times. When I sang the words *Though you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown* I knew that if someone didn't explain what those words meant I simply couldn't continue being believing in either the Old or New Testament."

A year later I saw the notice about a Biblical School starting. I knew immediately that I had found the people who could explain the seeming discrepancies between the promises in the scriptures and what we experience in life.

Satan knew the struggle that the People of the Book were having, trying to reconcile the comfort of their scriptures with the terrors of their real lives. The very Jews whose scriptures promised the restoration of their land were living under the thumb of the violent Roman occupiers. Hunger was the daily crucible for those whose prophets promised long lives in the land, and streets filled with happy children.

Go ahead, said Satan, give those famous scriptures of yours a try. Throw yourself off those rocks. Let's see what happens.

If, this Lent, when you watch the news, and then read the Lenten scriptures, you begin to despair that those scriptures aren't really true, take heart. Jesus overcame Satan when he whispered the same questions. And Jesus has overcome the world.

What actions will I take this Lent to learn how to read the scriptures more fully?

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This Week at St. Perpetua March 10—March 17, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Rise & Shine Mass, 9:30 am Mass
Family Bible Study, 10:30 am, RRC

Monday

Housing Task Force, 12:00 noon, Parish Office
Children's Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Walking with Purpose, 7:30 pm, RRC
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, School

Tuesday

Faith Formation, 5:30 pm, RRC
Lenten Prayer Group, 7:00 pm, Lounge
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office Conference Room

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9:30 am, & 7:00 pm, Chapel

Friday

Walking with Purpose, 8:00 am, RRC

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am, Church
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Mass Intentions March 9—March 17, 2018

Saturday	5:00 pm	Jeanine Fela ☩
Sunday	8:00 am	Timothy Tarman ☩
	9:30 am	Steve Peffer ☩
	11:30 am	For the Community
Monday	8:30 am	Al Roensch ☩
Tuesday	8:30 am	Ed Vaisnor ☩
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Rob O'Rourke ☩
	11:30 am	Ed Stokes ☩



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**St. Perpetua
2019 Confirmation Retreat
March 2-3, 2019**

"PEACE to you!"

As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

And when He had said this,

He breathed on them, and said to them,

"RECEIVE the Holy Spirit."

(John 20:21,22)



Over last weekend, sixty-one St. Perpetua teens gathered at a retreat facility in the Marin Headlands for our annual parish Confirmation Retreat. The retreat focused on identifying and developing the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe). Sent off with a prayer by Father John in the morning, the Candidates then shared the day exploring the Catholic view of the gifts and how they help us in our world today. Saturday evening Candidates celebrated mass with Confirmation candidates from Corpus Christi in Piedmont. The photo below captures a part of our retreat.

