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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.

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at least six months prior
to anticipated wedding date .

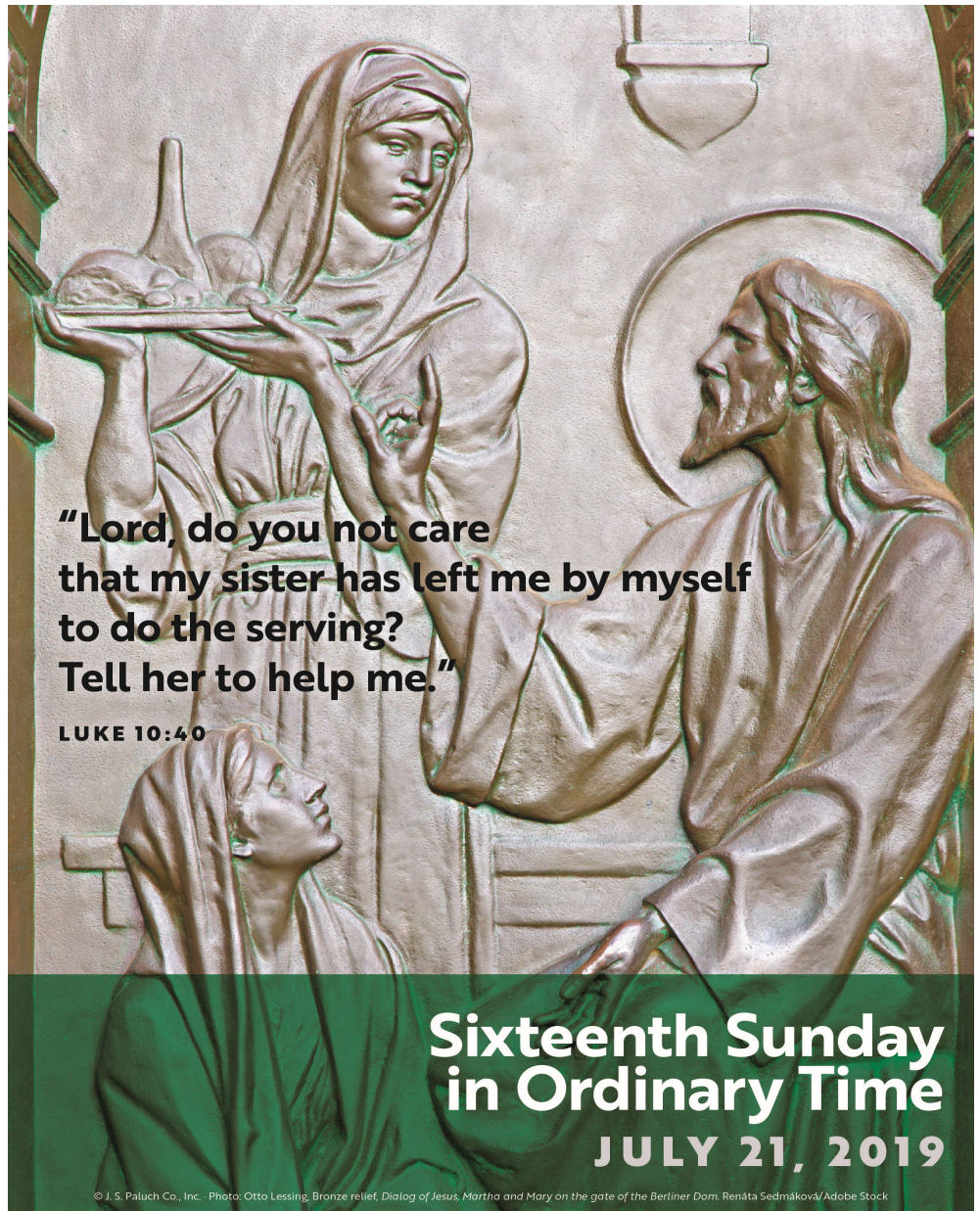
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need to receive communion
or Anointing of the Sick
at home or in the hospital.

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
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**“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself
to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”**

LUKE 10:40

**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
JULY 21, 2019**

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF

Rabbinic teaching notes that it is the characters who “stood up” to the Almighty who were most admired in scripture: Moses, who protested his tongue-tied inability to lead the Exodus; Job, who questioned the very will and wisdom of God; Abraham, who bartered for the saving of Sodom and Gomorrah; Sarah, who, just beyond the final verse of today’s first reading from Genesis, will chuckle at God’s fruitful covenant in the womb she believed barren. On the cross, Jesus himself would echo one of the most heaven-defying questions of the psalmist: “Why have you abandoned me?” And, while it may be easy to think of these defiant characters as being short on faith, the scriptures prefer to use their boldness to indicate the depths to which they trusted their relationship with God. Made in the image of their Creator, the people of Israel knew that every solid and intimate relationship should run the entire gamut of human emotions.

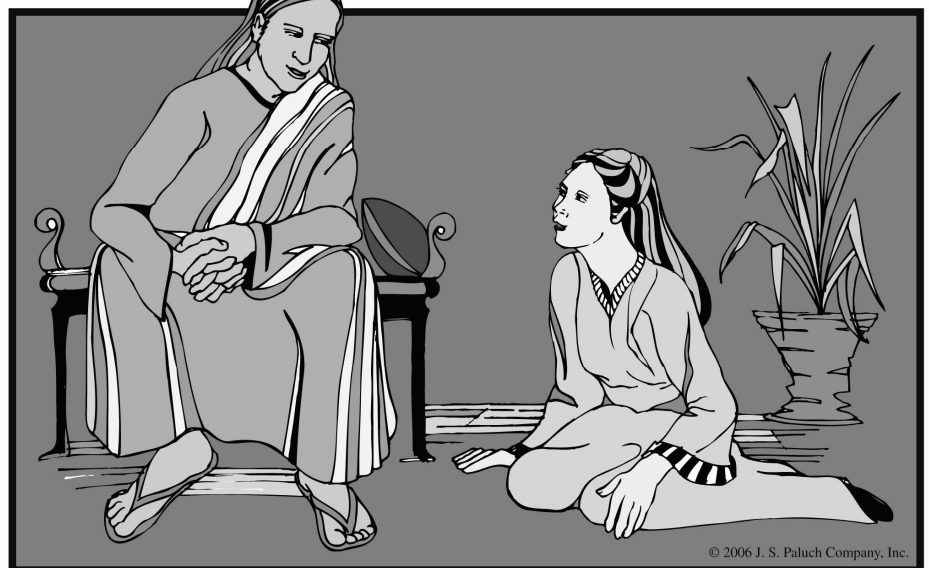
WHO ARE YOU?

In today’s Gospel passage, Martha joins the ranks of her ancestors who freely contested the situations in which they found themselves. She doesn’t merely gripe about her sister’s laziness; she does it without restraint to the one she addresses as “Lord.” Her tone, “Do you not care?” is somewhat accusatory (Luke 10:40). She must have felt quite trusting of her relationship with her sister and her Lord, in order to address Jesus in such a forthright manner. Jesus does not hesitate to give her a straightforward reply. He doesn’t contradict the need for the serving that must be done. He would, in fact, one day imitate the servile hospitality of Abraham’s foot-washing. Martha had welcomed him, washed the feet at which Mary sat, as Abraham welcomed his visitors. She scurried for a meal, as did Sarah for her guests. All necessary, but her anxiety and worry kept her from “the better part” of knowing her sister and knowing Christ. May we all be a bit like Martha, ready to welcome, to bear the burden of serving, to call others to serve with us, but always, with Mary, in the assurance of those who sit attentively at the feet of the Lord.

Today’s Readings: Genesis 18:1–10a; Psalm 15:2–5; Colossians 1:24–28; Luke 10:38–42

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Mary sat listening to Jesus



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FAITH FORMATION

During the summer please consider if being a faith formation teacher is of interest to you. Our teachers receive a tuition discount, first choice on class time, priority date selection and seating for sacraments AND have the wonderful opportunity to share and learn with the children about our faith. Teaching commitments range from 3-4 hours per month during the school year and teaching materials are provided. We would love to have you join our teaching team. Registration packets for Fall 2019 will be sent via email in mid-July. All Class Schedules are available on our website at www.stperpetua.org

Donation for Carnival Raffle

The carnival committee is looking for donations for the Oktoberfest raffle grand prize. Do you own a vacation home or time share that you'd be willing to donate for a 1 week use? We're also looking for 2nd and 3rd prize items. If you can help please contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Hospitality Committee

With the completion of the Community Center it is now time to plan future events. As such, we believe it would be wonderful to establish a hospitality committee. If you'd be willing to assist with this please contact Christoph at the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Reach out and invite a friend or neighbor to explore membership in the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings will begin in late August and intended for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination, but who are no longer formally affiliated with it, and for those who are not baptized, but are seeking answers to life's important questions. Please contact Christoph for more information.

Safe Environment Protecting God's Children

Diocesan policy requires Safe Environment training every three years for every adult engaged in ministry, and fingerprinting for those who have direct, ongoing contact with children. All other volunteers (those not required to fingerprint) are screened through Megan's law annually. If you have trained on Virtus you will be notified by email when to recertify. Please go online to www.virtus.org and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Diana Bitz at 510-267-8315 or dbitz@oakdiocese.org or Arlene Connors at 925-283-0272 or aconnors@stperpetua.org.

Social Justice Committee: Themes from Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. There are seven key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. We'll focus on one each week.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Bishop's Appeal 2019



Thank you for your help and support in the annual Bishop's Appeal. Your contributions have helped support:

- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Religious Education & Formation
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need
- Assisting Local Parishes

Please consider making a donation or pledge to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal "Rebuild My Church".

2019 Bishop's Appeal Goal
Parish Goal \$46,400
Funds Raised to Date \$27,437.75
% of Goal 59.13%
Let's keep it going!

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dennis Callahan, Anne Lagache, Bruce Wood, Chris Bruzzone, Dylan Cazin, Maureen Graf, Arelene Fannin, Jimmy Fulton, Tish Reardon, and Mary Barker.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This is funny. Here come three visitors out of the blue, showing up in the desert, and Abraham begs them to come into his tent for “a little food”. Then he sets Sarah to work kneading enough dough to fill a large bakery. I wonder how long it took the servants to kill the steer (surely enough meat to feed the entire population of Beersheba for several years), cook it up and serve it. I hope the three “strangers” weren’t too hungry when they arrived.

The point of such extravagant Bedouin hospitality is to feed and comfort the traveler in the desert, for the day may come when we too may find ourselves in the wilderness and may need the support of strangers. Bottom line: the most important honor one can show a guest is to slave away in the kitchen in order to provide food.

So here is Jesus, eighteen hundred years later, in the home of Martha and Mary. They must have been special friends of Jesus. In other stories featuring them they also have a brother, Lazarus, whom John’s gospel tells us was raised from the dead. But in Luke’s story today it is their home alone, and Jesus has come to spend time with them.

They both must love him and want to honor him. Martha expresses this by preparing the roasted garlic hummus in the kitchen. Mary sits at his feet. And guess what: in the discipleship of equals which is the kingdom of God, she chooses the better part. Once again, Jesus is obsessed with one thing: making sure the proclamation of the kingdom is heard by all.

Are you sometimes too “anxious about many things”?
Kathy McGovern c. 2019 www.thestoryandyou.com



Summer is here! Sign up for electronic giving to ensure your support of our community. You can manage your electronic giving online with improved security, convenience and communication. If you are

not using online giving to make your church donations, please consider it. It is easy to do on our website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Living in the Spirit of St. Mary Magdalene 2019

Women of Faith

SEE LISTEN SPEAK
EMPOWER ENCOURAGE CHALLENGE
LEAD NURTURE LAUGH INSPIRE

This summer we invite you to

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DANCE

their stories and yours.

On the feast of our sister, Mary Magdalene, join us to celebrate women we have known, from the youngest to the eldest, whose stories are transforming us.

CELEBRATE THE WOMEN
WHO RAISED YOU UP

WITH TABLE-FELLOWSHIP, RITUAL & MUSIC

Monday, July 22, 2019, 7:00-8:30 PM

St. Perpetua Community Center, 3445 Hamlin Road, Lafayette

Bring finger food or dessert to pass; drinks provided.

Bring a woman who has inspired you and/or send us her photo.

Bring photos, writings, artwork, etc. for story-telling at table.

Art: Mary Magdalene by Winston Wachter

Mass Intentions July 20—July 25, 2019

Saturday	5:00 pm	Victoria Ibleto †
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Ruth Dwyer †
Thursday	8:30 am	Mary Dadd †



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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION
& 70TH BIRTHDAY**

Sunday, August 11th

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Perpetua Community Center



4:00 - 5:00 jazz music & appetizers

5:00 - 6:30 dinner is served

6:30 - 8:00 all of Fr. John's faves...
games, dancing, singing, and fun

BBQ hamburgers, hotdogs,
birthday cake & ice cream will be provided

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one of the following to share:

potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, green salad,
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