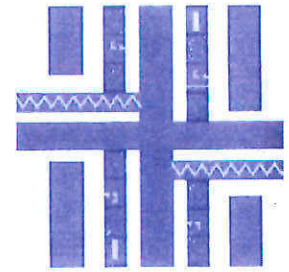


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Pastor

Fr. Aidan McAleenan

## Clergy Support

Fr. Hilary Martin, OP

## Director of Music

D. Mark Wilson

## Director of Faith Formation

Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Co-Chairpersons

Michelle Batista / Joan Morris

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

## Sacraments

**Baptism** - Contact Margaret Roncalli

**Marriage** - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

## Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

## PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

## St. Martin de Porres Catholic School

Regional School for St. Columba, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick and Cathedral of Christ the Light

### K-5 Campus

510-652-2220

675 - 41st Street, Oakland

### 6-8 Campus

510-832-1757

1630 - 10th Street, Oakland

**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

**Principal:** Dara Northcroft



Peace  
&  
Harmony

## Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved  
by the Spirit to serve.

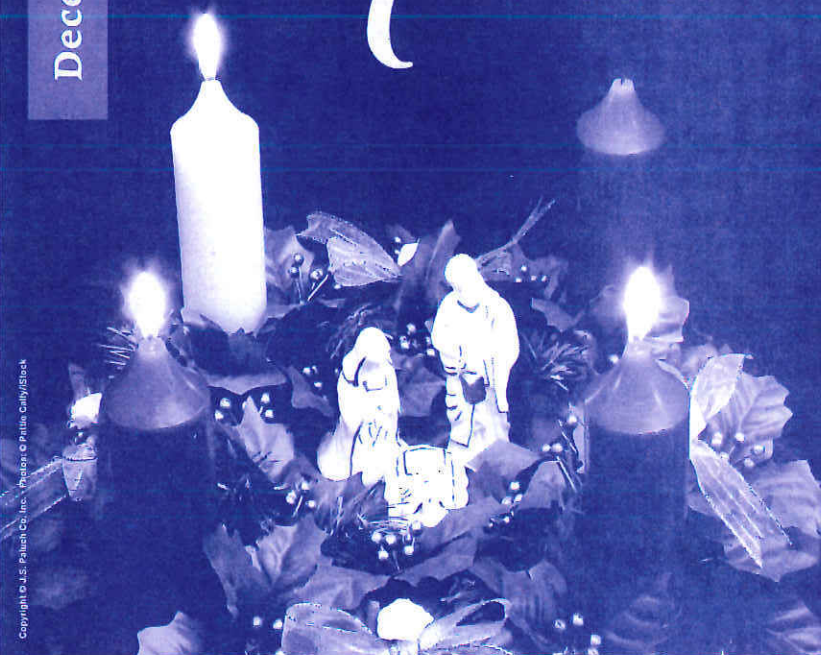
**WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!**

# “WE SEE YOU”

December 11, 2016

## THIRD SUNDAY

of  
*Advent*



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Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5



Please **turn off** Cell Phones before  
entering Church. Thank you!

**A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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**The Uninvited Guest This Holiday Season  
"GRIEF"**

You and your family are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious faith.  
Invite your neighbors and friends. **No registration is required.**

**This is the last workshop for the holiday season**

**Dec. 25, 2016; 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons**  
1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
For more information call (925) 939-8149  
**Facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene**

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Living Our Mission



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Tuesday:** St. Lucy  
**Wednesday:** St. John of the Cross  
**Friday:** Las Posadas begins



**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

- Dec. 16, 2016** - Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24, 2016** - Christmas Vigil
- Dec. 25, 2016** - CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 30, 2016** - Feast of the Holy Family
- Dec. 31, 2016** - Memorial Crosse Service
- Jan. 01, 2017** - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan. 09, 2017** - Baptism of Our Lord
- Jan. 14, 2017** - Chili Bowl Bingo
- Jan. 21, 2017** - Primacy of the Gospels

**Bulletins / Announcements**

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements no later than Tuesdays before 4:00 pm.

Thank you.

**Scripture Study**

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or [ggms@att.net](mailto:ggms@att.net)

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Eve \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to serve as \_\_\_\_\_