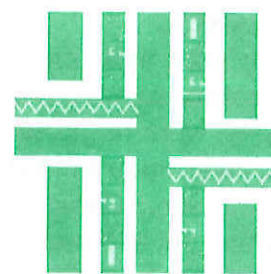


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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



Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

*“Misericordia: Making  
Mercy Visible”*

Jesus said,

*“You shall love the Lord,  
your God,  
with all your heart . . .*

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
The whole law and the prophets depend  
on these two commandments.”*

Matthew 22:37, 39



October 29, 2017 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

## BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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### *Today's Good News ~Living with Christ*

Unlike the blind beggar in today's gospel, sometimes we don't really know what we want. For example, when my coworkers and I approached our manager about a raise, we weren't surprised that she listened patiently to us, but we were caught completely off guard when she wanted to know exactly what amount of compensation we thought would be fair. We had been so focused on our dissatisfaction that we hadn't given much thought to what we really wanted.

Jesus did not presume to know what the blind beggar wanted when the man cried out for help. Like my employer, he encouraged the blind man to explicitly state his need and by so doing helped him become aware of his deepest desire. The question of what we want God to do for us helps us sort through our surface wants and listen to what is stirring in the depth of our hearts. We might be surprised by the answer. **TERRI MIFEK**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day  
**Tuesday:** Halloween  
**Wednesday:** All Saints  
**Thursday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)  
**Friday:** St. Martin de Porres; First Friday  
**Saturday:** St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday



**November 1, 2017** - All Saints' Day  
**November 2, 2017** - Feast of All Souls' Day  
**November 5, 2017** - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner  
**November 11, 2017** - Zydeco Dance  
**November 19, 2017** - Health Cabinet-Holiday Blues  
**November 23, 2017** - *Thanksgiving*  
**November 26, 2017** - All Family Faith Day

**Join Friends for an Evening of Fellowship and Fundraising, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County.**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37648 Fremont Blvd.  
Friday Nov. 3, 2017 from 5:30 - 7pm  
RSVP to (510) 719-0774**

### ~~~~~ 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!**

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