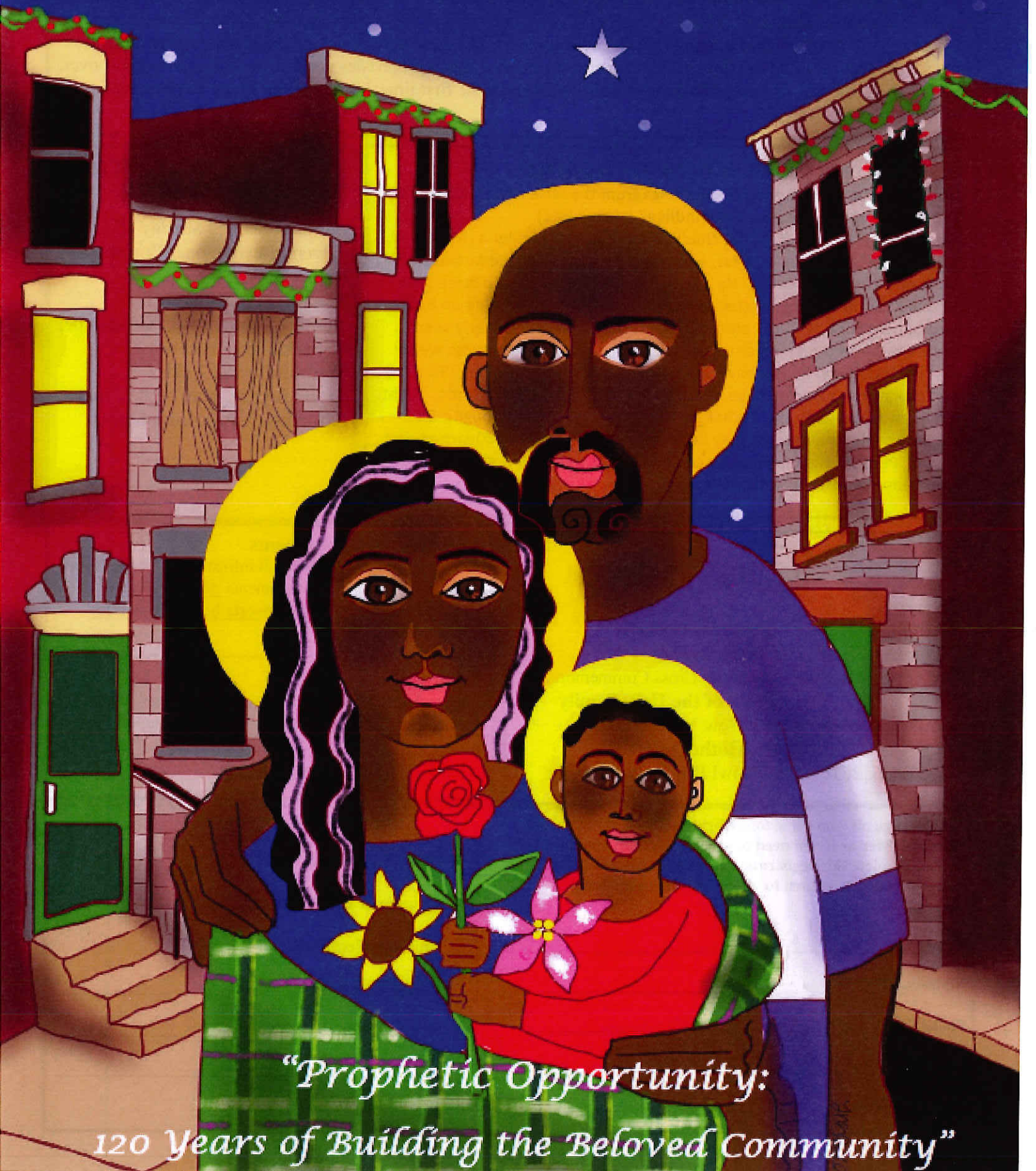


St. Columba Catholic Church



"Prophetic Opportunity:

120 Years of Building the Beloved Community"

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike" (Luke 10:21).

When you struggle to find that childlike spirit in your life, let a child be your mentor. Two stories: First, a young child is mesmerized by the stars while on vacation in Alaska. He asks his father why there are more stars in Alaska. His father explains that all these stars are also in their own backyard but because of all the electrical lights they cannot be clearly seen. The child thinks for a moment, then exclaims, "I wonder what else we're missing!" Mommy, I don't have very much." Her Mother replies, "But that's okay, because you have enough. Right?" The child responds, "Right. All I wanted was enough." What am I missing? Do I have enough? The answers to these questions may be hidden from the wise and learned part of you. Perhaps the uncomplicated child in you will be able to grasp the revelation. SR. MACRINA WIEDERKEHR, OSB

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day
Monday: St. Damasus I
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Lucy
Thursday: St. John of the Cross
Saturday: Las Posadas begins



December 15, 2017 - Christmas Concert
December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day
December 31, 2017 - Memorial Cross Commemoration
Feast of the Holy Family
January 1, 2018 - Happy New Year
Mary Mother of God
January 6, 2018 - Chili Bowl Bingo Women Grp

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.**
 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

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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