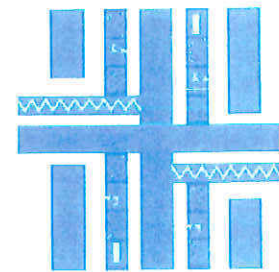


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Director of Faith Formation**  
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**Pastoral Council Co-Chairpersons**  
Michelle Batista /Joan Morris

**Office Manager**  
Maria Creer

**Parish Financial Officer**  
Mary Ellen Morgan

**Liturgy**  
Tuesday - 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 PM 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.

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

### *“Prophetic Opportunity”*



**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**December 31, 2017**



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

**BEARERS OF THE WORD**

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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*Today's Good News ~ Living with Christ*

Anna, eighty-four years young, had all too few years of married life—only seven—and then almost ten times that in widowhood. Her's was a life of prayer and presence until the moment she was prepared for: giving prophetic acknowledgment to the longed-for Messiah. A short time ago I was asked by a retreatant where I got my contemplative vocation. I realized I discovered something of the beauty of contemplation sitting in church next to my grandmother when I was still a fairly young lad. She was a woman of prayer, at home and in church. Daily Mass was her practice along with many other things. For fasting, she had a rule she abided by: always leave the table a little hungry. We may be in our eighties but we still, by simple presence and quiet action more than by what we say, engender life in the Church and especially among our grandchildren. Lord, I lift up my head. Grant that, right to the end, I live a life that is life-giving, a prophetic witness like Anna's. FR. M. BASIL PENNINGTON, OCSO

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Monday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

**Tuesday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

**Wednesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Thursday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Friday:** St. John Neumann; First Friday

**Saturday:** St. André Bessette; First Saturday



**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**

**January 7, 2018 - All Family Faith Day**

**January 8, 2018 - Baptism of The Lord**

**YMCA Job Available ~ 2350 Broadway, Oakland**

Position: Male Towel Person (working in Men's Locker Room). Evenings, \$13.00 per hour.

For more information Call (510) 451-9622.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_