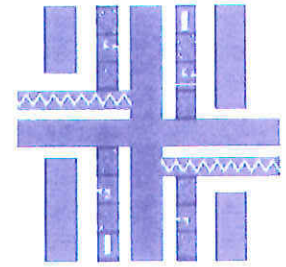


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Director of Music

D. Mark Wilson

## Director of Faith Formation

Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Chairperson

Kia Dixon Bell

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Weekdays - 8:00 AM (Rosary 7:30 AM)

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

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

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

**Baptism** - Contact Margaret Roncalli

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

## 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

**Principal:** Dara Northcroft

**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins



## Mission & Vision

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

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

# “WE SEE YOU”

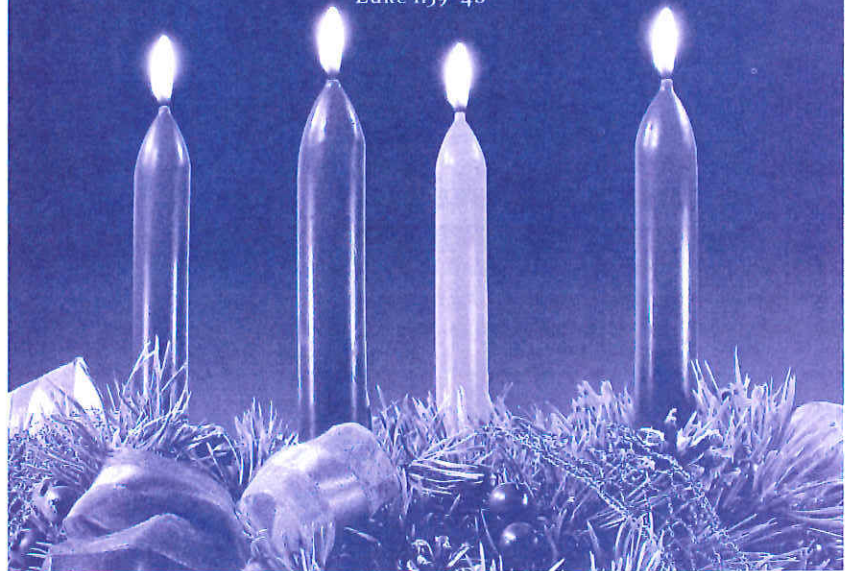
## Fourth Sunday

### OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country  
in haste to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of  
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:39-40



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before entering Church.

Thank you!



## A NEW ORDER

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.  
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## Pope Francis' Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will run from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016 and Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the year. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman; "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

## T'ai Chi Classes

The Saint Columba Health Cabinet is sponsoring a T'ai Chi class for the Saint Columba parish community and the surrounding neighborhood community.

Everyone is welcome and the class is free.

The class meets every Monday and Thursday from 8-9am in the Saint Columba Hall.

Parishioner Kate Hobbs teaches the Dragon Tiger Mountain Yang Style Family Set.

Classes include a warm-up, energizing exercises and practice of the formal T'ai Chi form.

Beginners are welcome!



## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS REMEMBER THESE DATE

**December 18, 2015** - Christmas Concert

**December 23 - Jan. 3** Office Closed

**December 25, 2015** - Christmas

**December 27, 2016** - Kwanzaa Celebration

**December 31, 2015** - Removal of Crosses

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

**Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty

**Thursday:** The Vigil of Christmas

**Friday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Saturday:** St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa



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 \_\_\_\_\_