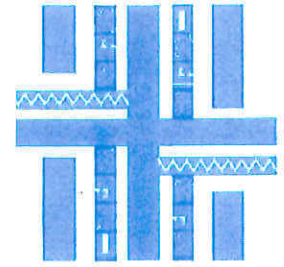


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Weekdays - 8:00 AM (Rosary 7:30 AM)

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

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before entering Church.
Thank you!

Mission & Vision

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

WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

“WE SEE YOU”



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

DECEMBER 27, 2015

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes--can disconnect--then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to--and take some solace in--the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents
- Tuesday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Wednesday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Thursday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day
- Saturday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
REMEMBER THESE DATE**

- December 23 - Jan. 3** Office Closed
- December 25, 2015** - Christmas
- December 27, 2016** - Kwanzaa Celebration
- December 31, 2015** - Removal of Crosses
- January 1, 2016** - New Year's Day
- January 9, 2016** - Haiti Cultural Event
- January 16, 2016** - Chili Bowl Bingo

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!



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 _____

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