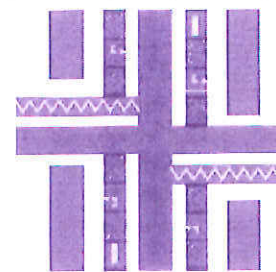


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Director of Music

D. Mark Wilson

## Director of Faith Formation

Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Co-Chairpersons

Michelle Batista / Joan Morris

## 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

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**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”

March 6, 2016



Fourth Sunday

of

# Lent

Whoever is in Christ  
is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17



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before entering Church.  
Thank you!

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### A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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### Rice Bowl (no rice needed!)

It is not too late to join other members of St. Columba in participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. You can pick up your family's rice bowl from the table near our entrance. Remember, your contributions to Rice Bowl changes lives: **25% of the proceeds remain in the Oakland Diocese**, with a portion being given out as grants to our very own **St. Vincent de Paul conference** and other organizations working to alleviate hunger and food insecurity in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Last December our own **St. Vincent de Paul conference** received a Rice Bowl grant of \$750.

Please check out the wonderful website to learn more about how you can extend what you do for Lent with you and your family:<http://www.crsricebowl.org>



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; Girl Scout Sunday  
**Monday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
**Tuesday:** St. John of God  
**Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome  
**Friday:** Abstinence



### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

- March 13, 2016 - Daylight-Saving Time Begins
- March 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday
- March 24, 2016 - Holy Thursday
- March 25, 2016 - Good Friday
- March 26, 2016 - Easter Vigil
- March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday
- April 2, 2016 - Zydeco Dance (Women's Group)

### FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT

Healing Thursdays: 7pm

- March 3 - healing for physical illness
- March 10 - Parish Reconciliation Service
- Stations of the Cross
- Fridays: 12 noon - followed by the Rosary on First Friday of the month
- Stations also at 7:00 pm - in church

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 \_\_\_\_\_