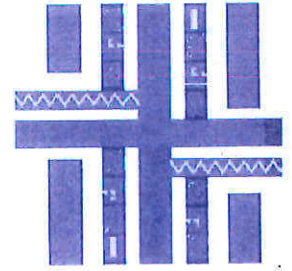


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pastor

Fr. Aidan McAleenan

## Clergy Support

Fr. Hilary Martin, OP

## 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

Wednesday - 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 Saturday

## 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

**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

**Principal:** Dara Northcoft



Peace  
&  
Harmony

## Mission & Vision

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

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

# “WE SEE YOU”

December 4, 2016

## SECOND SUNDAY

of

# Advent



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1



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

**PREPARE THE WAY**

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.  
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**The Uninvited Guest This Holiday Season  
"GRIEF"**

You and your family are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious faith.  
Invite your neighbors and friends. **No registration is required.**

**This is the last workshop for the holiday season**

**Dec. 25, 2016; 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons**  
1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
For more information call (925) 939-8149  
**Facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene**

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Living Our Mission



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent  
**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas  
**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Juan Diego  
**Saturday:** International Human Rights Day



**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

- Dec. 04, 2016** - World Aids Day
- Dec. 16, 2016** - Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24, 2016** - Christmas Vigil
- Dec. 25, 2016** - CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 30, 2016** - Feast of the Holy Family
- Dec. 31, 2016** - Memorial Crosse Service
- Jan. 01, 2017** - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan. 09, 2017** - Baptism of Our Lord
- Jan. 14, 2017**—Chili Bowl Bingo

**Bulletins / Announcements**

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements no later than Tuesdays before 4:00 pm.

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](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 \_\_\_\_\_