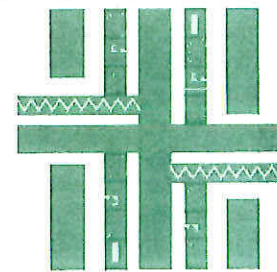


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Northcroft



Peace  
&  
Harmony

## Mission & Vision

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

# "Making Mercy Visible"

January 15, 2017 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Now I have  
seen and  
testified that  
he is the*

# Son of God.

John 1:34



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

### THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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## Today's Good News - January 9, 2017

Today God encourages Jesus as he embarks on his public ministry. Jesus comes to John to be baptized. At first John is reluctant to do this, for he realizes (to an extent) who Jesus is and feels unworthy. But Jesus urges him to baptize him. Immediately afterwards, Jesus sees the "Spirit of God descending like a dove" and he hears a voice saying those beautiful words: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." It is heartening to know that Jesus himself needed encouragement from God during his lifetime. Sometimes that encouragement came directly – as it does here and later at the transfiguration. But often God's encouragement came indirectly to Jesus through his apostles, friends, and those he served. Who encourages me in my life of faith? Whom do I encourage? Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony

**Wednesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Thursday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

**Friday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

**Saturday:** St. Agnes



### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

**Jan. 21, 2017** - Primacy of the Gospels

Speaker: Fr. Thomas Bonacci, CP

**Jan. 28, 2017** - Haiti Cultural Event

**Jan. 21, 2017** - Youth Group Community Breakfast

**Feb. 05, 2017** - Fried Chicken Dinner (Women's Grp)

**Feb. 15-18, 2017** - Gospel Choir Workshop

**Feb. 19, 2017** - Gospel Extravaganza

**Feb. 26, 2-017** - Hypertension Sunday

### 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!

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