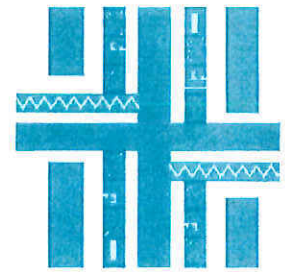


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Liturgy

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

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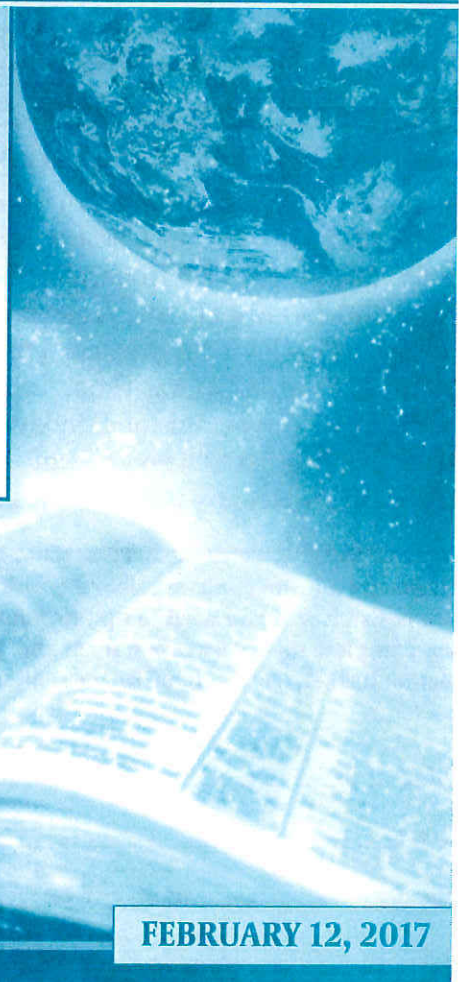
Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

*“From Darkness, Light
Shines for the Upright”*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18



FEBRUARY 12, 2017



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

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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**St. Mary's Winter Shelter Dinners (December-April)
925 Brockhurst St. Oakland, CA 94608 (3200 block of San Pablo)**

We thank the wonderful volunteers who helped prepare/and or serve dinner to **Homeless Seniors** in December and January:

Mia Shin, Susana Matias, Jessica Manta and Rosie and Addie, Sr. Marian Castelluccio, Al Carrasco, Kevin Dwyer, Valli James, Gwen and Jim Evans, Charlene and Larry Ferdeber, Kate Marchetti, Mary Brutocao and Benay Curtis-Bauer.

Two more opportunities!

February 14: 5-7 PM (prepare a side dish/and or serve)

March 8: 5-7 PM (prepare a side dish/and or serve)

Please contact Meg Bowerman for details: megbowerman@gmail.com or (510) 684-7139

Bulletin Assistance

We are seeking someone to assist with producing the Bulletin on a regular basis. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact the Church Office.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Feb. 8, 2017 - Fr. Tom Bonacci (Diversity in the Bible)

Feb. 15-18, 2017 - Gospel Choir Workshop

Feb. 15, 2017 - Fr. Tom Bonacci (Diversity in the Bible)

Feb. 19, 2017 - Gospel Extravaganza

Feb. 22, 2017 - Fr. Tom Bonacci (Diversity in the Bible)

Feb. 25, 2017 - Mardi Gras Gala

Feb. 26, 2017 - Hypertension Sunday

Mar. 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Lent

Mar. 8, 2017 - Healthy Relationships/Helping Dads

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

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 _____