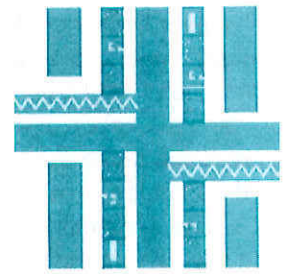


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

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**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

**Principal:** Dara Northcroft



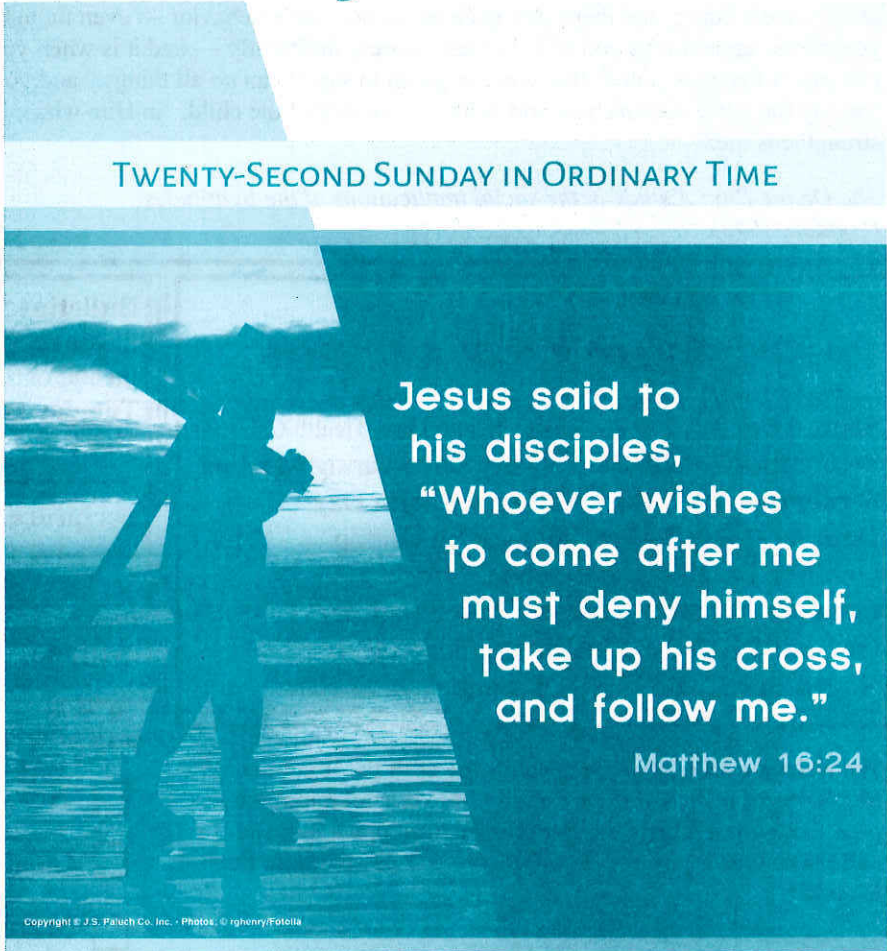
Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

## *“Misericordia: Making Mercy Visible”*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to  
his disciples,  
“Whoever wishes  
to come after me  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross,  
and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

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entering Church. Thank you!

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one--you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter--who has just been made the foundation of the church--out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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*Today's Good News ~ Gerald Vann*

To learn to be fully human is hard, because it implies all hardship of asceticism, the constant day by day struggle with what is weakly self-indulgent and disintegrating. But it is harder, perhaps, to learn to be reborn from God instead of trying to make it for yourself, and so to be able to say, "I live now, not I but Christ lives in me." Yet that is the essential. Christian virtue is a question not so much of *doing as of being*. When you hear it said of someone "He's a different man since he fell in love," you have a clue to what must happen to the Christian. As you *are*, so you will *act*; love affects one's being, and therefore, in consequence one's behavior — even though you do the same things you will do them entirely differently — and it is when you can say "I live now, not I" that you can go on to say "I can *do* all things," and you can say the latter because you add, with the docility of the child, "in Him who strengthens me."

*The Divine Pity: A study in the social implications of the Beatitudes (London, 1945)*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Friday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** St. Peter Claver



- September 10, 2017 - World Peace Day (Health Cabinet)
- September 18, 2017 - Ministry Calendaring Meeting
- September 24, 2017 - All Family Faith Day
- October 7, 2017 - Proclaimer's Workshop
- October 14, 2017 - Old School Dance
- October 15, 2017 - Gospel Choir Salad Bar
- October 21, 2017 - Health Cabinet CPR
- November 5, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner

**Bulletins / Announcements**

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.** 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 \_\_\_\_\_