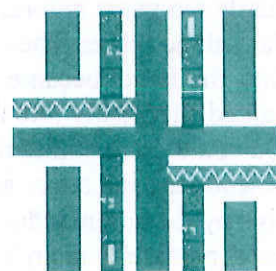


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

## “Misericordia: Making Mercy Visible”

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

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1630 - 10th Street, Oakland

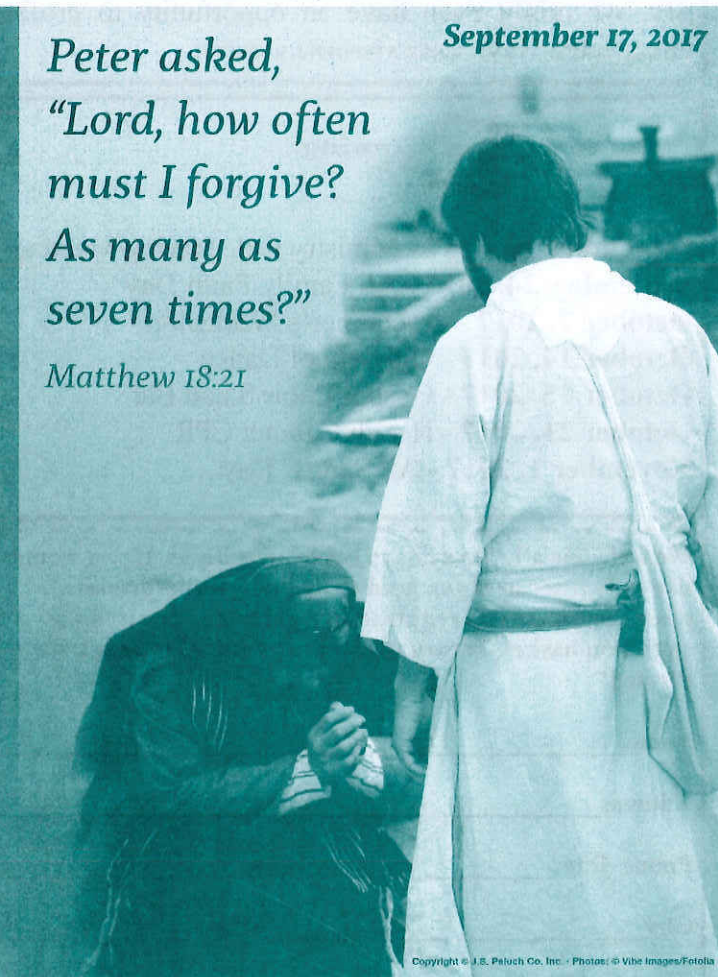
**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

**Principal:** Dara Northcroft

Peter asked,  
“Lord, how often  
must I forgive?  
As many as  
seven times?”

Matthew 18:21

September 17, 2017



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

## FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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### *Today's Good News ~Living with Christ*

Each Mass, before receiving the Eucharist, we repeat the words of the Roman centurion in today's Scripture: "Lord...I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof." It is good for us to recall from whence these words come. The centurion was a non-Jew, apparently an unbeliever, an officer in the ruling army that occupied Jerusalem. As a centurion, he commanded a Roman centuria, up to 100 men. He was a leader in the army that put Jesus to death. But it was his act of humility that we recall each Mass. It was his faith in Jesus that our Savior commended and to which we aspire. Jesus himself was "amazed at him." True faith can come from unexpected places. Can we take off our blinders and be open to surprising moments of faith? Perhaps this day, we might even have an opportunity to profess our faith in an unexpected way. **MSGR. STEPHEN J. ROSSETTI**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Januarius

**Wednesday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5778) begins at sunset

**Thursday:** St. Matthew

**Friday:** Autumn begins

**Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



**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 1, 2017** - All Saints' Day

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_