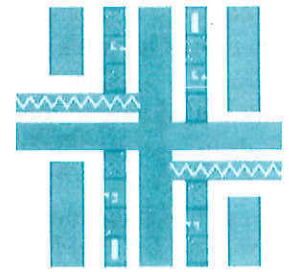


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Co-Chairpersons

Michelle Batista /Joan Morris

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Tuesday - 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



Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

*“Misericordia: Making  
Mercy Visible”*

MY  
SOUL  
IS  
THIRSTING  
FOR YOU,

O LORD  
MY  
GOD



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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2017

**WISDOM**

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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*Today's Good News ~Living with Christ*

No healthy person likes to suffer. Perhaps just as bad as physical suffering is the thought of suffering alone. It is part of the reason for growth of support groups for people who are undergoing difficulties. These groups, by enlisting the presence and support of others, can help one endure hard times. The image of Jesus on the cross is meant to tell us that God, too, understands our suffering. Like Jesus, we may feel abandoned by God during our darkest hour, but we are never really abandoned. God supports us and endures the crosses of our lives with us. But the Christian life offers us yet another consolation in our suffering. In today's gospel, we hear Jesus say to John, "Behold, your mother." In that act, Mary became the mother. IN that act, Mary became the mother of all. Just as Jesus was not abandoned on the cross by his mother, so neither are we abandoned by her. As Mary faithfully kneels at the foot of Jesus' cross, so does she stay close to us in our need, a sure support during the Calvary of our lives. **FR. STEPHEN J. ROSSETTI**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Wednesday:** St. Albert the Great
- Thursday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
- Friday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary



- November 19, 2017** - Health Cabinet-Holiday Blues
- November 23, 2017** - *Thanksgiving*
- November 26, 2017** - All Family Faith Day
- December 3, 2017** - Advent
- December 8, 2017** - Immaculate Conception
- December 16, 2017** - Christmas Concert
- December 25, 2017** - Christmas 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!

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 \_\_\_\_\_