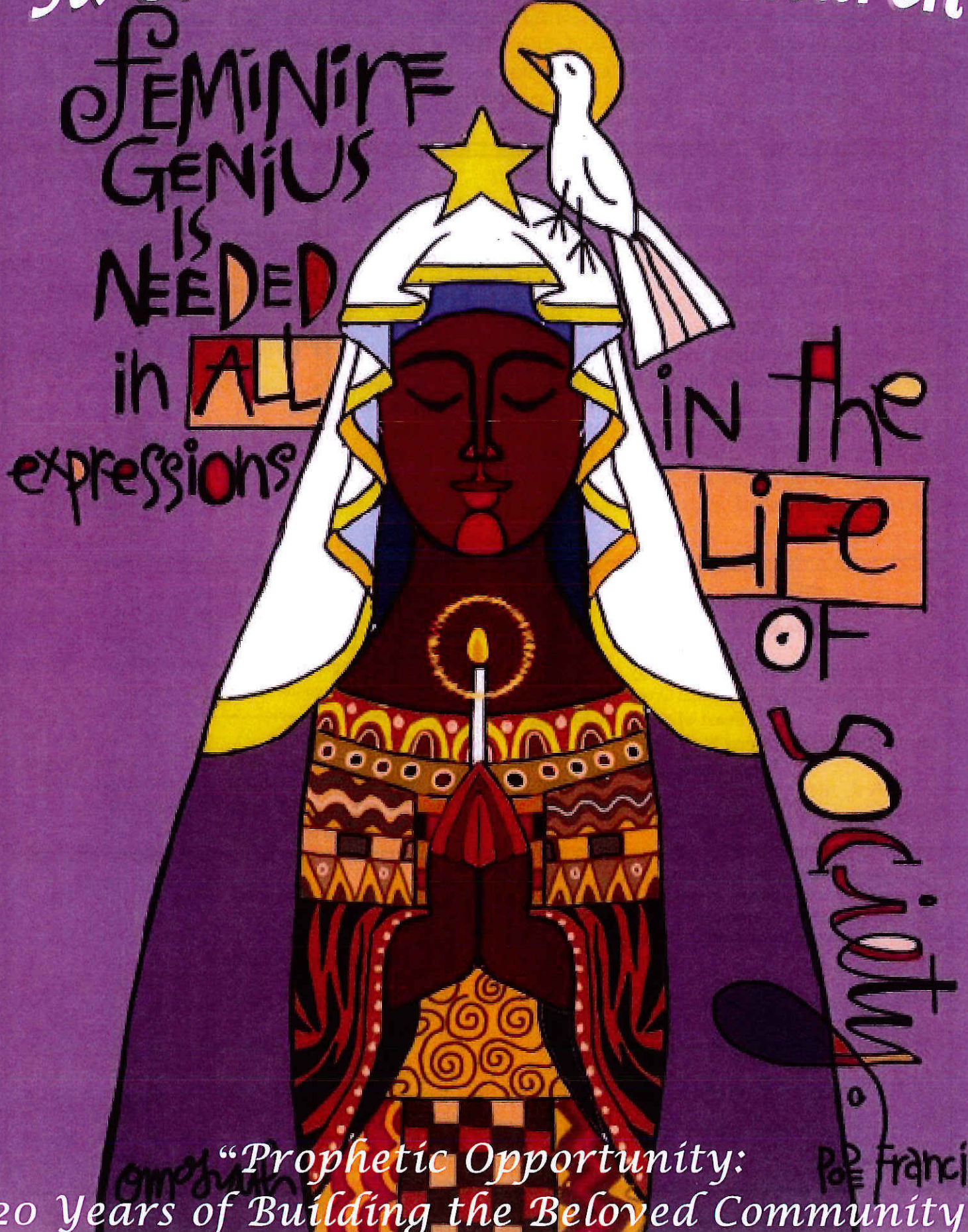


# St. Columba Catholic Church



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“Prophetic Opportunity:  
120 Years of Building the Beloved Community”  
Pope Francis

## REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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

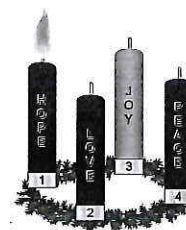
Joseph retired for the night having made a momentous decision—the wrong decision. He had decided on a course of action that, while humane, was not what God wanted. The angel's command—God's wish—spoke to the desire of Joseph's heart. If God wanted him to be Mary's husband, so be it, If God wanted him to raise the Sod of God, so be it. Joseph would have the home and the family that God wanted him to have. While angels may not be speaking to us in our dreams, God still speaks to our hearts in some fashion, God desires only our good, offering us deep love and care on a daily basis. God wants us to do the right thing not only because it will affect our lives, but because it will affect the lives of others as well. For our part, we need to open our hearts to God's desire for our lives. O Lord, help me to listen well to your word spoken in my heart. **JEAN ROYER**

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent

**Thursday:** St. Peter Canisius;  
Winter begins

**Saturday:** St. John of Kanty



**December 25, 2017** - Christmas Day  
**December 31, 2017** - Memorial Cross Commemoration  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**January 1, 2018** - Happy New Year  
**Mary Mother of God**  
**January 6, 2018** - Chili Bowl Bingo Women Grp  
**January 7, 2018** - All Family Faith Day

Ladies you are invited to join the St. Bonaventure 24th Annual Women's Retreat, Fri., Jan. 26 - Sun. Jan. 28, 2018 at St. Clare's Retreat Center. Cost is \$225 pp. Flyers are available in the foyer or the St. Bonaventure website: [www.stbonaventure.net](http://www.stbonaventure.net)

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