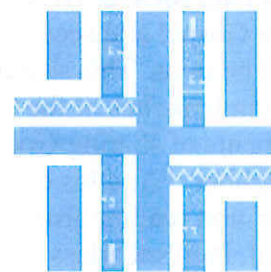


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Hilary Martin, OP

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## Director of Faith Formation

Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Co-Chairpersons

Joyce Scotlan/Ruthie Bolden

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Tuesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

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 PM Saturday

## PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals



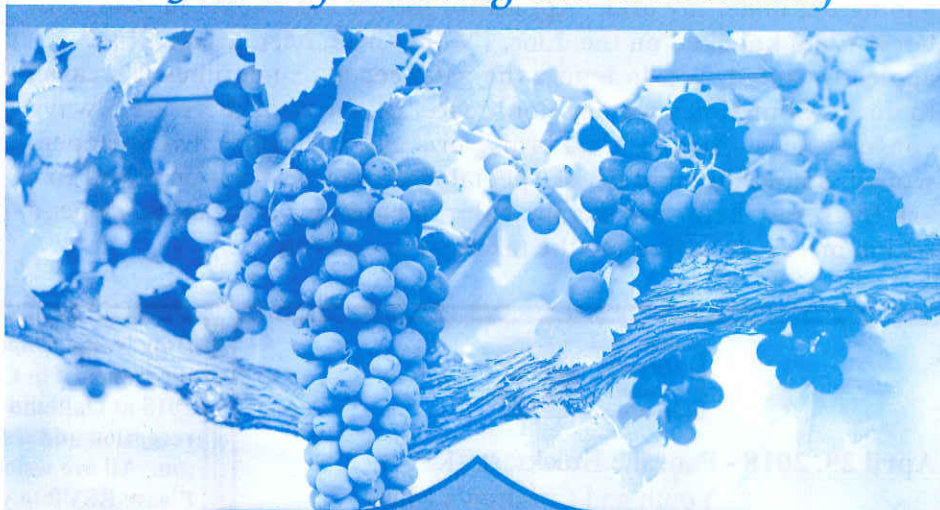
Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

**WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!**

*“Prophetic Opportunity:  
120 Year’s of Building the Community”*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 29, 2018

By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

John 15:8



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

## LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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

**"Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and robber" (John 10:1).** It was a hot summer day when I was eight years old. I came upon a tree laden with apples. Deciding that the owner wouldn't miss a few pieces of fruit, I decided it was time for a snack. I couldn't get the gate open. As I climbed the fence, I caught my arm on a rusty nail, opening a gaping cut under my arm. Apples forgotten, I ran home in pain. I'll bet if I had knocked on the door, I would have been given all the apples I wanted. We do ignore the gatekeeper. Sometimes it's easier to do so. Sometimes we just don't care. Either way, there are always consequences. Maybe it's a bruise or a cut. Or maybe it is a deeper wound, something that needs special attention. Do not be afraid to ask for Jesus' help. He has the balm to bind up our wounds. Depend on his mercy. It is free for the taking. PAUL PENNICK

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Monday:** St. Pius V

**Tuesday:** St. Joseph the Worker

**Wednesday:** St. Athanasius

**Thursday:** Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** First  
Saturday; Cinco de  
Mayo



**April 29, 2018** - Pancake Breakfast (KPC)  
Youth and Children's Mass  
**May 5, 2018** - Child's Car Seat Check (Health Cabinet)  
**May 13, 2018** - Jesus' Ascension  
Happy Mother's Day  
**May 27, 2018** - Trinity Sunday  
All Family Faith Day

Holy Name Sister will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of their arrival in CA with the opening even on May 10th, 2018 at Oakland's St. Theresa Parish Event Center. The reception and a short program will be from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to [snjmca150.org](http://snjmca150.org)

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_