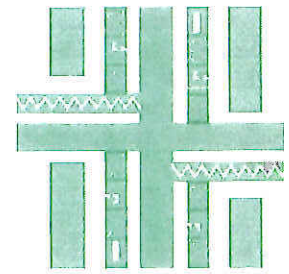


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Pastor

Fr. Aidan McAleenan

## Clergy Support

Fr. Kwame Assenyoh, SVD

Fr. Hilary Martin, OP



## Director of Music

D. Mark Wilson

## Director of Faith Formation

Margaret Roncalli

## Pastoral Council Chairperson

Kia Dixon Bell

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Weekdays - 8:00 AM (Rosary 7:30 AM)

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12 - 1 PM)

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

**Baptism** - Contact Margaret Roncalli

**Marriage** - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

## 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

1630 - 10th Street, Oakland

**Principal:** Dara Northeroft

**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

## Mission & Vision

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

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

# “WE SEE YOU”

*You shall be a  
glorious crown  
in the hand  
of the Lord,  
a royal diadem  
held by your God.*

ISAIAH 62:3



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*January 17, 2016*

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

## SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life --not necessarily our own--will be surprised for the better.

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## ST. MARY'S CENTER WINTER SHELTER DINNER

Several parishioners, as well as the Ladies of Peter Claver, for the past few years have provided a dinner meal for homeless senior citizens at St. Mary's Center, just a few miles from here, . It is time to sign up for this monthly opportunity starting in December.

Anyone who would like to participate, please contact Meg Bowerman at (510) 684-7139 or megbowman@gmail.com.

**Winter Shelter Dinner, Thursday 02/25/2016**

**Winter Shelter Dinner, Tuesday 03/22/2016**

St. Mary's Center is located at 3200 San Pablo Avenue at Brockhurst Street (look for the blue awning on the east side of San Pablo and enter through the gates).

Please let Meg know if you can provide a side dish to serve 12 (already prepared at home: salad, potatoes or rice, other side dish, dessert, rolls and juices. Main dish will be provided by others on the team. We encourage you to arrive at 5pm to help with the set up of the food and finish prep, we serve at 6pm and are usually finished by 7pm.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Tuesday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

**Wednesday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

**Thursday:** St. Agnes

**Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

**Saturday:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope;

Blessed Virgin Mary

## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS REMEMBER THESE DATE

**January 16, 2016** - Chili Bowl Bingo

**January 30, 2016** - Mardi Gras Gala

**February 10, 2016** - *Ash Wednesday*

**March 12, 2016** - Proclaimers Retreat

**March 13, 2016** - Daylight-Saving Time Begins

**March 20, 2016** - *Palm Sunday*

## T'ai Chi Classes

The Saint Columba Health Cabinet is sponsoring a T'ai Chi class for the Saint Columba parish community and the surrounding neighborhood community.

Everyone is welcome and the class is free.

The class meets every Monday and Thursday from 8-9am in the Saint Columba Hall.

Parishioner Kate Hobbs teaches the Dragon Tiger Mountain Yang Style Family Set.

Classes include a warm-up, energizing exercises and practice of the formal T'ai Chi form.

Beginners are welcome!



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 \_\_\_\_\_