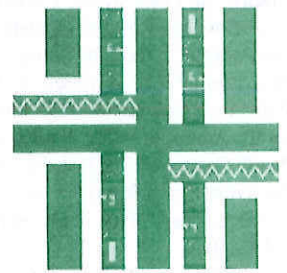


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Endurance  
&  
Resourcefulness**

## **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

## **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**

510-832-1757

1630 - 10th Street, Oakland

**President:** Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

**Principal:** Dara Northeroft

## Mission & Vision

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

*“Misericordia: Making  
Mercy Visible”*

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017



Peter said,  
“Lord, it is good that we are here.  
If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Matthew 17:4



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

**EYEWITNESSES**

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

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

**"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him..." (Psalm 103:13).** When my daughter had knee surgery, I remember thinking, "I wish I could take her place. I wish she didn't have to go through this." I'm sure all parents have felt the same way, and in many different circumstances, some much worse than knee surgery. That's what a loving parent does. That kind of compassion is at the very heart of our relationship with God. God's compassion is the story of our salvation. The Christ Child in the manger is a powerful reminder that God sent his Son to earth to take our place and remove our sins. Knowing we are all weak, sinful and unable to handle salvation by our own merits, God sent Jesus—from the manger to the cross—to suffer in our stead. That's what a loving parent does. We have only to accept it.

Steve Givens

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Monday:** Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time;
- St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
- Tuesday:** St. Dominic
- Wednesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
- Thursday:** St. Lawrence
- Friday:** St. Clare
- Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary



- August 6, 2017** - Parish Picnic at the Park
- August 26, 2017** - Hope for Haiti White Party
- October 1, 2017** - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner
- 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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_