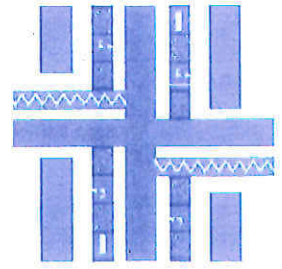


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Office Manager

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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

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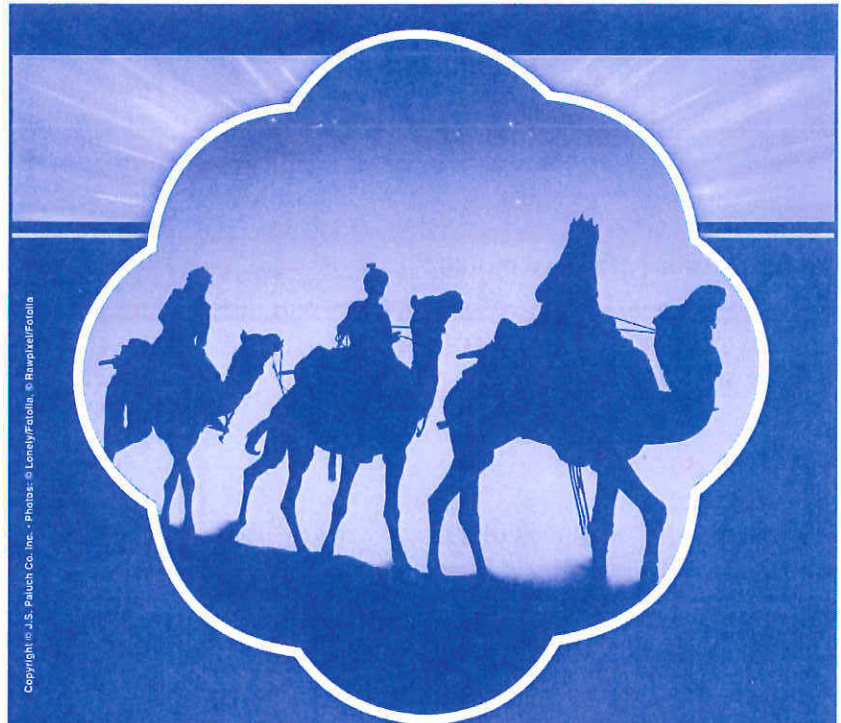


Mission & Vision

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

WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

“WE SEE YOU”



The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

JANUARY 3, 2016



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

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the epiphania, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true. What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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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.

Below are the following dates we have signed up for and how to help.

Winter Shelter Dinner, Wednesday 12/02/2015

Winter Shelter Dinner, Monday 01/11/2016

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: Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

Wednesday: St. André Bessette

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

Julian Calendar Christmas



**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
REMEMBER THESE DATE**

December 23 - Jan. 3 Office Closed

December 25, 2015 - Christmas

December 27, 2016 - Kwanzaa Celebration

December 31, 2015 - Removal of Crosses

January 1, 2016 - New Year's Day

January 30, 2016 - Mardi Gras Gala

February 10, 2016 - Ash Wednesday

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 _____