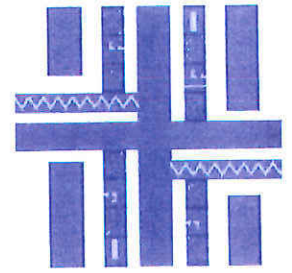


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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 Northcroft



Peace  
&  
Harmony

## Mission & Vision

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

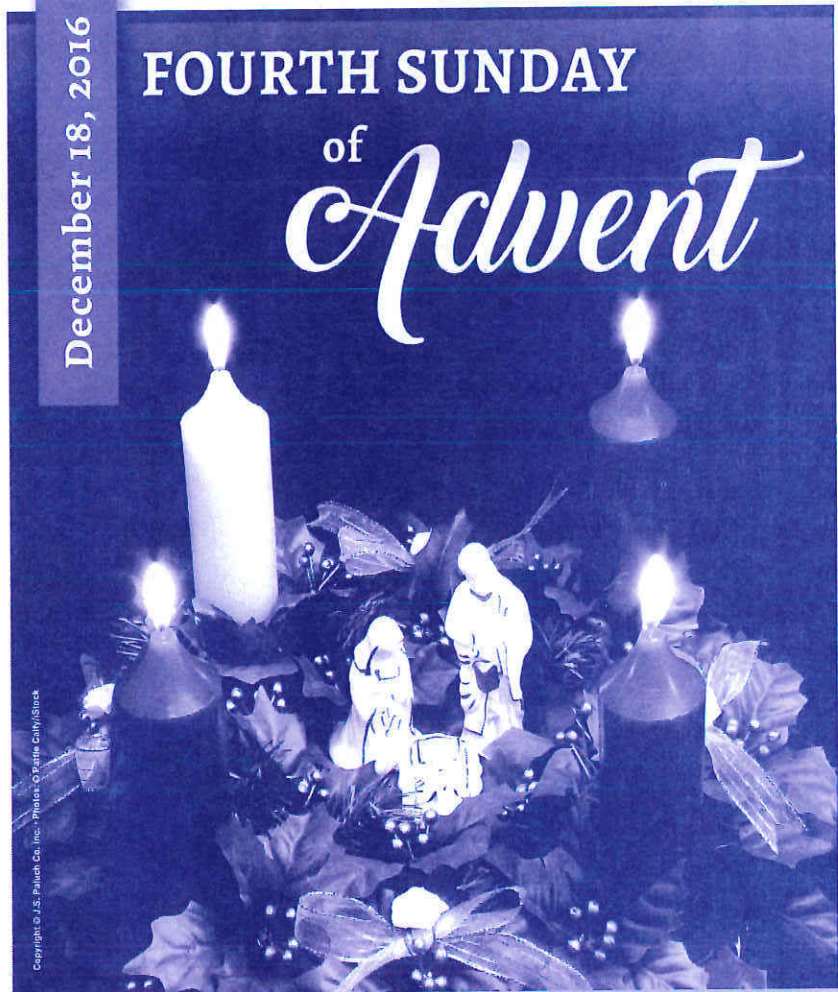
**WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!**

# “WE SEE YOU”

December 18, 2016

## FOURTH SUNDAY

# of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



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



**SUMMONED BY GOD**

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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**The Uninvited Guest This Holiday Season  
"GRIEF"**

You and your family are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious faith. Invite your neighbors and friends. **No registration is required.**

**This is the last workshop for the holiday season**

**Dec. 25, 2016; 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons**

1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

For more informa on call (925) 939-8149

**Facilitated by Fr. Pdraig Greene**

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Living Our Mission



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Canisius;  
Winter Solstice

**Thursday:** St. John of Kanty

**Friday:** The Vigil of Christmas

**Saturday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

**Dec. 24, 2016** - Children Christmas Mass (4:00 pm)

**Dec. 24, 2016** - Christmas Vigil

**Dec. 25, 2016** - CHRISTMAS

**Dec. 30, 2016** - Feast of the Holy Family

**Dec. 31, 2016** - Memorial Crosses Service

**Jan. 01, 2017** - NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Jan. 09, 2017** - Baptism of Our Lord

**Jan. 14, 2017** - Chili Bowl Bingo

**Jan. 21, 2017** - Primacy of the Gospels

**Bulletins / Announcements**

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements no later than Tuesdays before 4:00 pm.

Thank you.

**Community Listening Session:** Sponsored by UCSF, Alameda County Public Health

A Barbershop Conversation about Health, Wealth, and Power.

**Dec. 31st 10am - 4pm:**

Legends Barbershop: 2606 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland

**Free** Food, Haircuts and Health Screening.

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 \_\_\_\_\_