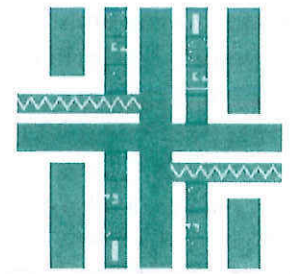


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Unity,  
human relations

## 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

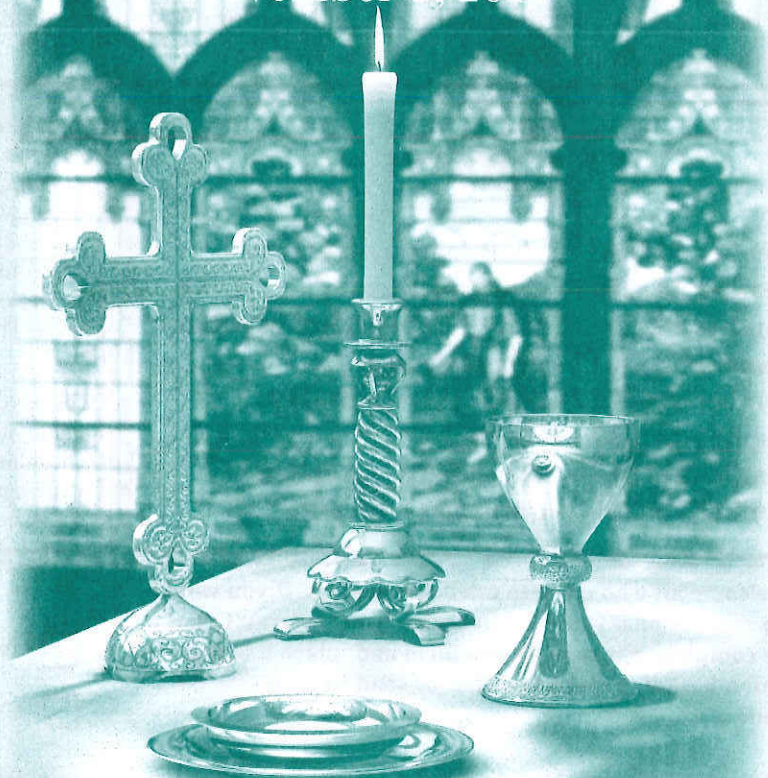
For communion/visits to the sick &  
homebound; mass intentions, prayer  
request & funerals

## Mission & Vision

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

*“Misericordia: Making  
Mercy Visible”*

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 5, 2017



The greatest among you must be your servant.

— Matthew 23:11



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



## THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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

**"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).**

So, precisely what is it that God sent his Son into the world to save it from? The reference, of course, is to the Christian concept of "salvation." But that still begs the question: what do we mean by "salvation"? Well, one might reply, salvation means being saved from one's sins. Ah, good. But what do we mean by "sin"? All these religious words that we toss around with so much ease! What do any of them really mean? What does "faith" mean? What, indeed, does "God" really mean? One of our biggest religious issues today, one you don't hear much about, is using so many religious words that we think we fully understand, but we don't. Take these words one by one and do a little reading, a little asking, and a lot of praying, to find out what they really mean for us today. **MITCH FINLEY**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National Vocation Awareness Week;  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
**Tuesday:** Election Day  
**Thursday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**Friday:** St. Leo the Great  
**Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours;  
Veterans Day



**November 5, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner**  
**November 11, 2017 - Zydeco Dance**  
**November 19, 2017 - Health Cabinet-Holiday Blues**  
**November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving**  
**November 26, 2017 - All Family Faith Day**  
**December 3, 2017 - Advent**  
**December 8, 2017 - Immaculate Conception**  
**December 16, 2017 - Christmas Concert**

**St. Columba's 9 week Interfaith Walking Campaign** started September 1, 2017 officially ends October 31, 2017. Thank you for participating in what we hope to be a year around effort to remain as active as possible. A 2018 motto of our St. Columba Health Cabinet proposal will be "Activity As Medicine". As liaison for this campaign I will be submitting the average steps for weeks 1-9 for all participants registered by November 6, 2017. The winner will be announced by Friday November 11, 2017

Thank you for participating in the campaign. We hope this highlights the importance of being physically active and to create a healthier community by following in the steps of the model participants who took part in the campaign.

Thank you, Elizabeth Mack

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 \_\_\_\_\_