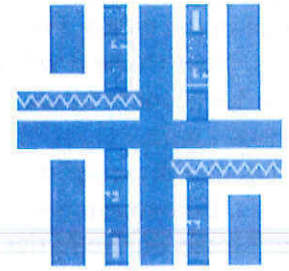


# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

Joyce Scotlan/Ruthie Bolden

## Office Manager

Maria Creer

## Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

## Liturgy

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Tuesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

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 PM Saturday

## PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

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



Unity,  
human relations

## Mission & Vision

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

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

*“Prophetic Opportunity:  
120 Year’s of Building the Community”*

## Ascension of Our Lord

*“Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there  
looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been  
taken up from you  
into heaven  
will return in the same way  
as you have seen him  
going into heaven.”*

*Acts 1:11*



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

May 13, 2018

## MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ--a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.  
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## Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

**"We are of the same nature as you, human beings" (Acts 14:15).**

As a teenager I looked up to a number of people. I thought they could do no wrong and that I, as a young person with little experience, was not worthy to be associated with them. As a young adult I learned that my "heroes" were just fallible human beings after all. They lost their temper, had bad habits, and failed just like everyone else. This was a painful lesson, but it helped me grow into a more realistic perspective about people. It can even be a relief to realize that no one is perfect, not even our heroes. The late Bishop Ken Untener said it well: "We are ministers, not messiahs." It is great to look to people for advice and encouragement, but just as Paul and Barnabas tried to convince the people of Lystra, it is not all about us or all about them; it is all about God. DAVID NANTAIS

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day; World Communications Day  
**Monday:** St. Matthias  
**Tuesday:** St. Isidore the Farmer  
**Thursday:** Julian Calendar Ascension  
**Friday:** St. John I  
**Saturday:** Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost;  
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset



**May 13, 2018 - Jesus' Ascension**  
**Happy Mother's Day**   
**May 20, 2018 - Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 23, 2018 - DA Town Hall Meeting**  
**May 26, 2018 - Mental Health Awareness Event (HC)**  
**May 27, 2018 - Trinity Sunday**  
**All Family Faith Day**

## 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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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to serve as \_\_\_\_\_