ST. COLUMBA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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D. Mark Wilson

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Margaret Roncalli

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Michelle Batista / Joan Morris

Office Manager
Maria Creer

Parish Financial Officer
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

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

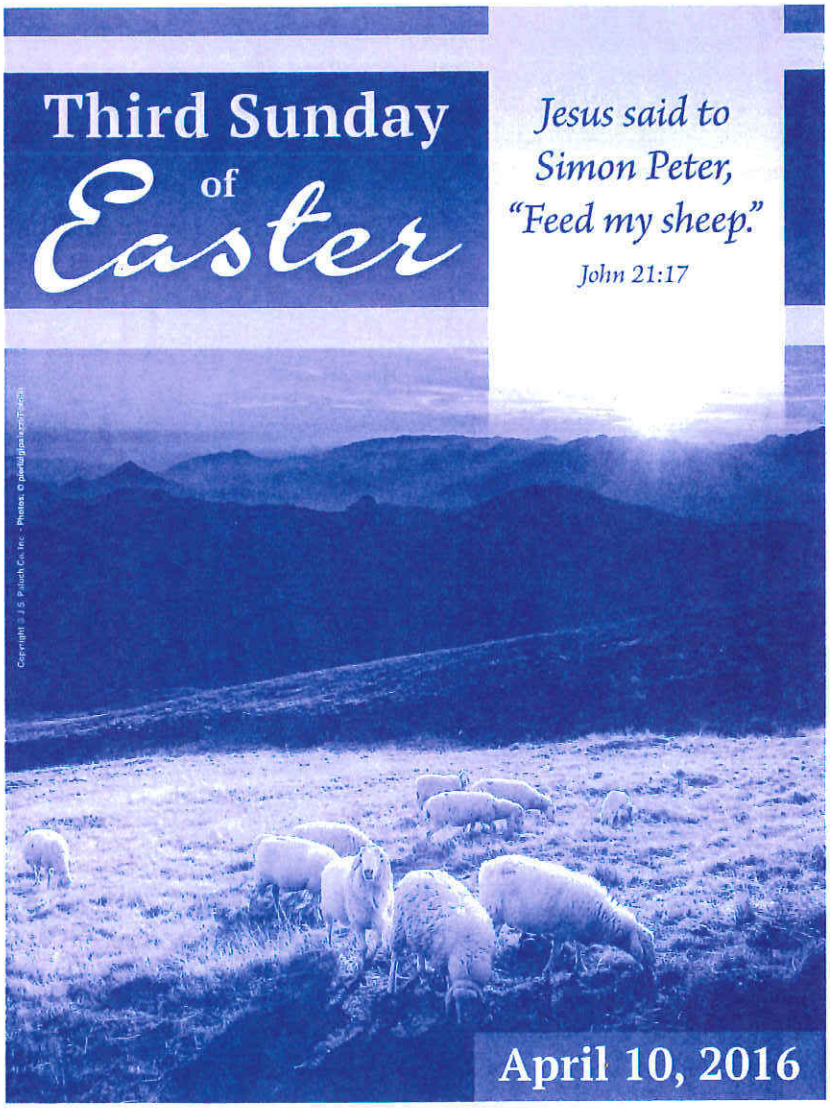
6-8 Campus
510-832-1757
1630 - 10th Street, Oakland
Principal: Dara Northcroft
President: Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

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

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved by the Spirit to serve.
WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

"WE SEE YOU"



REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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FREE Disaster Training for St. Columba parishioners and surrounding community! Sponsored by your Health Cabinet.

Sunday, April 17, 2016 12:30-2:30PM at St. Columba

(This is CORE I: if you took this course last year at St. Columba, stay tuned for an offering of a CORE II class this summer!)

Introductory course offered by Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE)
you will learn: *Very valuable information about how to react when we have a disaster (mostly earthquakes) how to keep yourself and family safe and steps to making your own disaster kits to help you survive the first week.*

We need at least 15 people here for the volunteer to come and make it worthwhile. Please spread the word and bring a family member and/or friend!
Question : Meg Bowerman megbowerman@gmail.com or (510) 684-7139

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Stanislaus
Wednesday: St. Martin I
Friday: Income Tax Day

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

April 15 & 16, 2016 - Haiti Ministry Fish Fry
April 17, 2016 - Health Cabinet/Emergency Preparedness
April 17, 2016 - Book Signing (Solari Jenkins) "In Quest of that Elusive Job"
April 17, 2016 - Understanding the Muslim Faith
April 24, 2016 - Understanding the Episcopal Faith
April 27, 2016 - Sylvia Hood Washington - Pope's Encyclical (African American Perspective)

T'AI CHI AT SAINT COLUMBA!

St. Columba Health Cabinet sponsors a T'ai Chi class for the St. Columba Parish community and the surrounding neighborhood community. Class are every Monday from 8-9am in the Parish Hall.

Parishioner Kate Hobbs teaches the Dragon Tiger Mountain Yang Style.

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** _____

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Faith Formation

Nea on-nin no sua a, ohu
Knowledge / life-long learning

RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations! We are happy to welcome our "neophytes" — new-lifers — in our midst. They are a sign to us all of the presence of the Risen Christ among us. Be sure to greet them and offer your best wishes: you'll know them by a white baptismal robe or a colorful shoulder stole.

Have you wondered about joining the Catholic Church, or were never baptized or confirmed? We are happy to welcome any inquirers into the process. If you have questions please see Sr Evelyn after 10:30 Mass or contact Margaret at stcolumbafaith-formation@gmail.com.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Power of Prevention

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to confirm our gospel call and response to the horrible crime of abuse of all kinds. We believe that all life is created in the image and likeness of God, that violence, anger and abuse us unacceptable. We proclaim our commitment to work for the end of all abuse.

Faith Formation for Families and Students

Upcoming Dates

Apr 10	Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass
Apr 17	Sac prep–Rel Ed room (children) at 9am
"	Sac prep–Reconciliation room (older children)
"	Sac prep– parish hall (parents)
"	Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass
Apr 24	Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass
	All-Family Faith Day at 12:30pm

Faith Formation at St Columba includes Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW), All-Family Faith days (AFF), Sacramental Preparation (including Confirmation) or Youth Group.

For children in grades K-6, the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass, gives the children the opportunity to get to know Jesus in the gospel of the day, but in simplified language. You can further use the *Gospel Weeklies* booklet with your children: get the Supplement to *Gospel Weeklies* of Family Guide Register at www.pflaumweeklies.com/sign-up to receive an e-mail alert when each new Family Guide is available. Special request: for Children's Liturgy of the Word, please send your children only if they are Grade K or older.

If you have questions about First Reconciliation, First Communion or Baptism, contact Margaret Roncalli at stcolumbafaithformation@gmail.com.

All-Family Faith Day **Sun 4/24,** after the **10:30.** We will explore Resurrection as Mercy's great sign. *Families of all shapes and sizes are invited!!*

Reflecting on the Word

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to [Peter], "Simon, son of John, do you love me!" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Reflection:

The sheep Jesus is sending us to feed and care for might not be very far away: in the next room, at school, work, across the street, or the other side of town. Our prayer response at this Eucharist could be, "Here I am the Lord, ready to do your will." Then, we listen to his response and go where he is sending us to feed his sheep.

So we ask ourselves:

Who are the sheep Jesus is sending me to feed and care for? Where do I find nourishment to help me fulfill his mandate?

St. Columba Gifts of Treasure Update

WHO AND WHOSE WE ARE!

Monthly Goal	**$30,000.00**
Weekly Goal	**$7,500.00**
Catholic Relief 03/20/2016	$664.75
St. Vincent de Paul 03/24/2016	$536.05
Holy Land 03/25/2016	$725.26
03/27/2015	$15,403.30
Maintenance Fund 03/27/2016	$680.49
04/03/2016	$9,730.24
Rice Bowl 04/03/2016	$332.26

April 10, 2016

Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday	**4:00 PM**	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	**8:00 AM**	Tatiyana Yip
Sunday	**10:30 AM**	Betty Turner

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NECESSARY

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it.

--St. Bernard

For list of weekly lectionary reading, please review www.usccb.org

If you have a request for the prayer list below, need to update a request or remove a request, please contact: Parish Office: 510-654-7600 stcolumba1898@gmail.com

Please pray for the sick, especially for the special intention of our beloved hospitalized, homebound & Elders:

Ernest Barden, Dolores Barial, Grace Bentley, Edna Boatwright, Nicolas Bosworth, Thomas Boutte, Gerri C. Brandt, Rose Brooks, Tanya Bursey, Varitia Castro, Marty Cole, Donald Coleman, Jr., Elwood Cox, Eugene Craft, Emily Cry, Audrey Dave, Dale Davis, Barbara Dendy, Richard Dewath, Darrell Dillard, Eli Dina, Margaret Dorsey, Gloria Jean Ducksworth, Juanita Estrellas, Keona Folsom, Velma Fowler, Hazel Garland, Lynda Grasser, Bill Green, Maud Green, Carolyn (Tont) Greenidge, Daniel Curtis Hart. Robert Heard, Joyce Herbert, Ramona Hill, Ervin Jackson, Kenyatta Jackson, Theresa Jeffrey-Clark, Ken Jelie, Fernando Jening, Betty Johnson, Michele Johnson, Jackie Jones, Michelle Thomas Jones, LaeCharles T. Lawrence, Sr., Judy Leaks, Helen Koci, Margaret Lewis, Michel Magana, Mary Maluccio-Hobbs, Herman Marigny, Sherry McCowan, Maureen McCracken, Fatima McCray, Charlyne (Teenie) Monroe, Donya Monroe, Creswell Morris, Alvin Muldrow, Son Nguyen, Cheryl Olivier, Mary Reader, Patricia Payne, Edward Redd, Frances Redd, Joel Rivera, Teresa Robertson, Gary Rohweder, Bill Ronchelli, Kenneth Roussell, Eunice Royal, Henry Royal, Betsy Sahlman, Kristi Sahlman, Addie Sample, Connie Sanderfeur, Joyce Scotlan, Laura Scotlan, Charlene Stamps, Catherine Steadman, Eddie Thomas, John Tully, Clark Pittman, Violet Pittman, Henry Wellington, Jr., Kennrick Wharff, Kenneth Wilkins, Yvette Valencia-William, Shirley "Mimi" Winn, Debbie Wood, Phyllis Adele Woodward, William James Woodard

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

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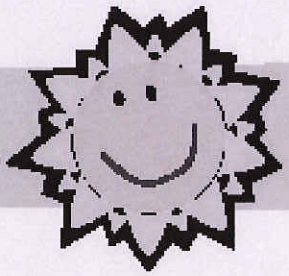
Vacation Bible School!



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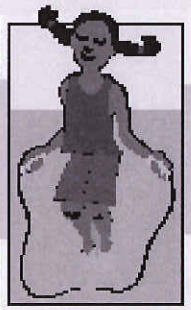
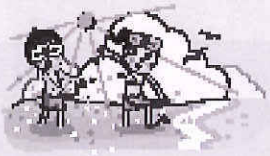


June 20-24

Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm



Children grades 1-6 (in Sept 2015) welcome

Morning: Bible fun

Afternoon: ReCreational aCtiVities

Bring a bag lunCh. (Healthy snaCks provided.)

ACtiVities supervised by Parish (Margaret Roncalli) and Kung-Fu (Sifu Kate Hobbs) staff

Fee for week: $100

Parent, Grandparent and Teen Volunteers welcome.

Enroll by April 30. Space is limited.

Margaret Roncalli stcolumbafaithformation@gmail.com 510.550.4058

6401 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94608

St. Columba Vacation Bible School Enrollment

Child's name: _____

Grade (in Sept 2016): _____

School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Parents names: _____

Other (if guardian): _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____
Mother

Cell: _____
Father

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Why do you want your children to attend Vacation Bible School?

_____

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What do you hope they will get out of it?

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Please submit this enrollment by April 30. Registration form to follow.

Please join us for our Annual Karaoke Fish Fry

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Please visit our website on the St. Columba homepage under the SOCIAL JUSTICE ministries drop-down menu: ***http://stcolumba-oak.com/hope-for-haiti***

Then click on the side link http://haitischolarships.weebly.com/ for more details and a view of the Haiti Trip Blog.

The children, their principals and teachers, and our partners at the non-partisan, non-violent, inter-faith Grand Ravine Human Rights Council send their gratitude to St. Columba Parish for the generosity you have shown in creating a bridge between our community in Oakland and Grand Ravine, on of the poorest and most violent neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince.

See you Friday! To buy tickets for this fun event in advance, see any Haiti Ministry member.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Signatures Needed ~ Repeal Death Penalty

Please sign the petition to repeal the death penalty. Meg Bowerman will be in the Parish Hall, or out front April 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 10th. We need 300,000 signatures (by April 30th) to put this on the November Ballot.

This petition is an effort to put an initiative on the ballot to replace the death penalty with life without parole. California's death penalty system is broken, and has already cost taxpayers more that $5 billion.

The State's own Legislative Analyst found that this initiative will save taxpayers $150 million every year, because keeping convicted murderers in prison for life without parole is cheaper that executing them.

Inmates sentenced or re-sentenced to life without parole will be required to work and pay 60% of their wages to victims' families. They will never be released, they will die in prison.

The current system makes mistakes. By replacing the death penalty with life without parole, we will never risk executing an innocent person.

REGISTER TO VOTE

May 23rd is the last day to **Register to Vote** for June Primary. Get out and **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!**

WEST OAKLAND CEASEFIRE/LIFELINES TO HEALING

Stop the gun violence!

We love you and we want you to be alive and free.

Far too many people in our community have died before their time. Far too many people are wasting their lives in prison. Oakland Ceasefire/Lifelines to Healing is a movement to stop the killings without sending more people to jail.

Across the community, faith leaders, residents, schools, neighborhood organizations, social services, public agencies and law enforcement are uniting to build a culture of peace and healing in our community.

We are walking our neighborhoods to carry this message:
We love you and we want you to be alive and free!

Help us stop the killings so we can work together to create opportunities for everyone.

Walk our neighborhoods: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

REMAINING WALKS:

April 15 – Mt. Zion MBC – 1203 Willow Street
April 22 – St. Mary's Center – 925 Brockhurst Street

For more information on Oakland Ceasefire/Lifelines to Healing call: 510 639-1440 or email: fridaycommunitynightwalks@gmail.com

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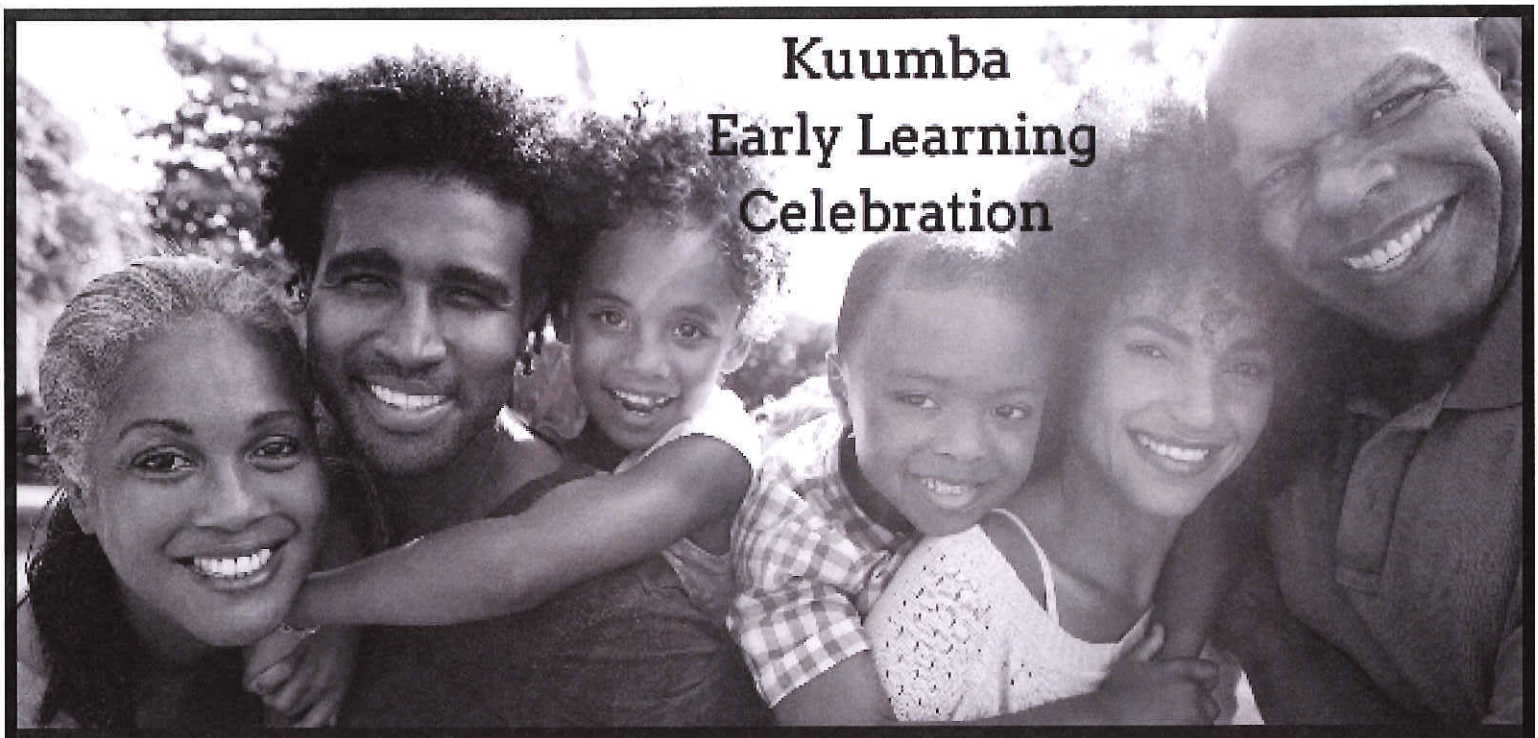
Unleashing the Power of Oakland



Kuumba Early Learning Celebration

Celebrate Early Learning With Us

Birth through 3

Who will benefit?

Sunday, April 24th
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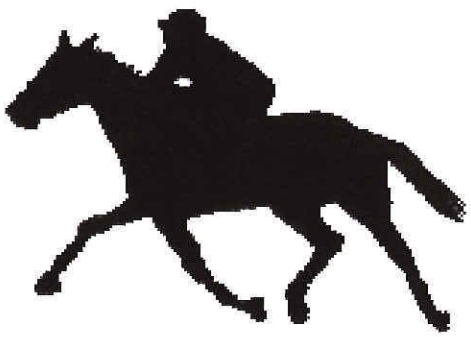
TICKETS ARE $50.00 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ST. COLUMBA CHURCH OFFICE OR YOU MAY CALL PERRY JULIEN AT (510) 915-1092 FOR TICKETS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. TICKETS WILL GO FAST, PURCHASE YOUR TICKET BEFORE APRIL 30, 2016.



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Detention/Jail: Buzz Sherwood, Cat Willett
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Liturgy: Fr. Aidan McAleenan
OCO: Andrew Peters
Proclaimers: Michelle Batista
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Scholarship Committee: Thomas Schafer
Scripture Study: Gillian Small
Ushers: Russell Lopes
Volunteers (Office) - Maria Creer
Women's Group: Lucy Castro
Youth Group: Maurice Harper

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.
- The Buddha

Gye Nyame

Except God

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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