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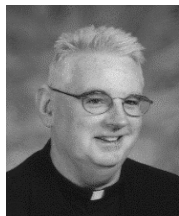


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WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

From the Pastor 's Desk



Happy New Year!!

Dear Parishioners of Old St. Mary's, Holy Family Chinese Mission and our many Visitors:

and St. Mary's School and Chinese Catholic Center, I leave you with this Irish blessing for a Happy and Prosperous New Year:

*"May we live in peace without weeping,
May our joy outline the lives
we touch without ceasing,
And may our love fill the world,
angel wings tenderly beating."*

Today we celebrate the Octave of Christmas-Mary the Holy Mother of God. In this Christmas season we rejoice in the birth of her son, Jesus, Son of God. We pray in today's Collect :

*Oh, God, who through the fruitful virginity
of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we are found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

**Have a great week.
Fr. Daniel**

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We also celebrate the beginning of a New Year, following the Gregorian calendar. Traditionally we begin the New Year by making New Year Resolutions so that in the coming year we can become better persons. The top five New Year's resolutions are: 1.Lose Weight; 2. Quit Smoking; 3. Get Out of Debt; 4. Fitness; and 5. Get Organized! (I need to make 4 out of the 5!)

However, more importantly our resolutions should include a recommitment to our Catholic faith – to become more faithful disciples of "the author of life" by participating at Sunday Eucharist.

Also in this first month of a New Year, we will have a second New Year's celebration, the Lunar New Year – January 23, 2012 – The Year of the Dragon – in Asian communities all over the world. If you were born in the year 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940, 1928, or 1916, then you were born in the Year of the Dragon. The Year of the Dragon is a year filled with happiness, good luck and prosperity.

On behalf of the Paulist Fathers and staffs of Old St. Mary's, Holy Family Chinese Mission

Bilingual Parish Unity Masses for 2012

**First Day of Chinese New Year
Monday, January 23, 2012
Year of the Dragon**

**Chinese New Year's Mass and Ceremonial Tribute
to the Ancestors
Sunday, January 29, 2012**

Parish Unity Mass at 11:00 a.m.
followed by a joint parish Chinese luncheon provided
by Holy Family Association.
St. Mary's School choir will participate.

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**Fr. Peter G. Shea, CSP
50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
Sunday, April 29, 2012**

Parish Unity Mass at 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon to follow in Auditorium

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Pentecost Sunday ~ May 27, 2012

Parish Unity Mass at 11:00 a.m.
followed by a joint parish luncheon
provided by Old St. Mary's.
St. Mary's School choir will participate.

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**Annual Parish Picnic
August 26, 2012**

Parish Unity Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by our
annual cookout provided by OSM.

Food For Thought:

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered: "Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. He sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present. The result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die. And then he dies having never really lived."

**WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM
JANUARY 16 & 17, 2012.**

Old St. Mary's Cathedral and Holy Family Chinese Mission will support the San Francisco Interfaith Council's *Winter Shelter Program* again by preparing and serving meals to the homeless. **Volunteers are needed at St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.** This is a hands-on opportunity to help the homeless. We will prepare and serve meals to 100 homeless men each night. For more information, please contact Anita Mendoza at 415-288-3844.

Mark your calendars: 8th Annual Walk for Life will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2012** - Rally begins at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza - Walk will be down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. Please come and join Old St. Mary's and Holy Family Parishioners in standing up for the **sanctity of ALL human life** - the unborn - the dying - those on death row - those who die in acts of violence on our streets - acts of war.

Statement of Donation

If you would like a Statement of your Donations to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2011, please call Julie Todd at 415-288-3809 and she will gladly send it to you.

Sunday, January 01, 2012 there will be regular schedule of Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The Bookstore will be closed that day. **Monday, January 02, 2012** the church offices will be closed.

Second Collection Today: Relief for the People of the Philippines.

As many of you heard on the news Typhoon Sendong brought 12 hours of continuous rain to Mindanao Island, Philippines. This is in addition to a previous storm that hit the Philippines. Reports say rivers flooded and villages affecting 338,000 people in 13 provinces. The storms are now the deadliest of 2011. One of our parishioners, Maria Pelola, has family in Cagayan de Oro City in the Philippines which was devastated; over 1,000 dead and thousands homeless in her village. Let us pray for her family and friends.

We will have 2nd Collection this weekend at all the Masses to show our love and concern and help give some relief to our suffering brothers and sisters. I ask that you be as generous as you can in the 2nd collection. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

**ST. PAUL-*The Apostle*
With FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP**

Paul was an ideological fanatic, prone to violence toward Christians. What happened? He fell in love with Christ. Books, classes, dogma, catechism did not change Paul. Logic did not change him. Rather, he had a direct encounter with Truth. His conversion was not due to his will power, meditation, long prayers or fasting. He discovered in the Risen Jesus a merciful God whose initiative always precedes our seeking. What blocks us from freely responding to the Divine Initiative?

Saturday, February 4, 2012, 9:00 AM to Noon. Old St Mary's Paulist Center at 614 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and California, S.F., CA

Coffee and treats begin at 9:00 AM. The workshop is free but free will donations are welcome. Sponsored by The Paulist Center. Call 415-288-3844 for more information.

OSM calendars for 2012 are now available in the church. We invite each family to PLEASE TAKE ONE.



There will be no NOON-TIME CONCERT until January 10, 2012.

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COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 18, 2011: \$ 2,687.28
Dec. 25, 2011: \$ 14,418.65

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully.

God Bless You for your Generosity!

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends: Denise Devry, Andrew Downs, Celia Epino, Betty Fiorelli, Cynthia Fong, Andrew Gee, Andrea Garcia, Edward & Ida Hom, Gavin Lum, Bryan Kelly, Paul Ledyard, Terri A. Low, Phyllis McHale, Dora Mira, John Uy, Francis Wong, Ramil Rodriguez

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28; John 1:19-28;
Tuesday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; John 1:29—34;
Wed. 1 Jn 3:7-10; John 1: 35—42;
Thurs. 1 Jn 3:11-21; John 1:43—51;
Friday 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7—11;
Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21; John 2:1-11;

THIS WEEK'S READING

Nm 6: 22—27; Gal 4: 4—7; Luke 2: 16—21
(Psalm 67)

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Isaiah 60:1—6; Eph 3: 3-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 31

12:05PM † Grace Go Fong
5:00PM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco

SUNDAY, January 01 (Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

8:30AM † Dr. Janos Marozsan
11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**
9:30AM Leo & Ana Choy's Grandson Chris Lamar
11:00AM † Andrew Chan Wan Chue
† Doung Nham Family

MONDAY, January 02-Sts. Basil d'Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30AM † Emma Kuretich
12:05PM Healing prayer for Fredrikkson Family

TUESDAY, January 03 (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

7:30AM † Laura Colleran
12:05PM † Mr. Sy

WEDNESDAY, January 04 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

7:30AM Birthday Blessings for Eduardo Lucas
12:05PM † Helen Candrea

THURSDAY, January 05 (St. John Neumann)

7:30AM † Lorenzo Lucas
12:05PM † Aida Salonga

FRIDAY, January 06

7:30AM † Members of Memorial Society
12:05PM † Death anniversary of Luisa Barretto

SATURDAY, January 07

12:05PM † Mass for All Souls
5:00PM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco

Daily Masses Monday through Friday at Old St. Mary's:
7:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m, Saturdays-12:05 & 5:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES(MASSES)

Monday through Friday 7:30AM 12:05PM
Saturday 12:05PM
Weekend Saturday Vigil 5:00PM
Sunday 8:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M. (Auditorium) & 11:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. (Auditorium) Cantonese

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Monday through Saturday after 12:05PM Mass
(No CONFESSION on TUESDAYS)
Saturday 4-4:30PM or by appointment anytime

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Saturday for Engaged Couples 288-3866

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Sunday...9:00am ~ 4:00pm

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PARISH REGISTRATION (Drop in collection basket)
If you call Old Saint Mary's your parish home, we invite you to become a registered parishioner. Should you have questions about registration, please call 415-288-3809.
Welcome to our community! We thank God for your presence.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
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New parishioner Change of Address
 I am a visitor and want mailings
 I've been away from the Church. Please call me.