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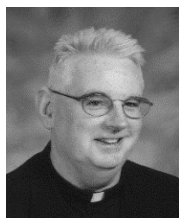


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WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

From the Pastor 's Desk



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

WELCOME! Today we begin the liturgical season referred to as Ordinary

Time. Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character (Advent, Christmas, Lent & Easter) there remains in the yearly liturgical cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

For us here at Old St. Mary's and Holy Family Chinese Mission, we will also be preparing for the beginning of Chinese New Year – the Year of the Dragon – on Monday, January 23, 2012.

We will have our annual Chinese New Year's Mass and Ceremonial Tribute to the Ancestors on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will be joined by our school's children choir in celebrating a New Year of happiness, good health and prosperity and paying tribute to our ancestors.

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. In Chinese culture the dragon is a symbol of good fortune. I have included in this week's bulletin characteristics of those born in the Year of the Dragon.

Please come and join us on January 29th at 11:00 a.m. We will have a traditional Chinese luncheon following the Mass in the auditorium.

Sun Ning Fai Lok! Gung Hay Fat Choy!

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



- Year of the Dragon 2012 - What will the year be like?

The year 2012 is the year of the Water Dragon. The Dragon's internal element is Earth. The relationship between the elements is that Earth dams Water. This means that this is a year when the nature of the animal of the Chinese Horoscope, the Dragon, will overpower the energies of the year.

All the characteristics of the Dragon will be emphasized.

In Eastern symbology, the Dragon is considered a benevolent creature that brings about luck. The Dragon, even though it was the largest, fastest and most powerful animal of creation, it arrived fourth to the call of the Jade Emperor because it stopped along the way to make rain for the farmers and to help the Rabbit cross the river that all animals had to cross to arrive at the palace.

Dragons are free and uninhibited, symbols of success and happiness. Since there is no natural predator for the dragon, they are never cautious and usually things go well for them. They are also unpredictable and quick tempered.

Dragons make their own laws and cannot stand restrictions. They are in general trustworthy and generous. Sometimes dragons fail to recognize signs of stress among those around them and can appear as insensitive.

Contrary to some popular rumors that have been circulating in the past few years about predictions, there is nothing in Chinese Astrology that indicates that the year 2012 is the "end of times." Dragon years are expected to be full of benevolence and grace, especially a Water Dragon Year.*

* www.fengshuiforus.com/Pages/YearofTheDragon.html

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Monday, January 16, 2012, there will be regular schedule of Masses at 7:30 A.M. & 12:05 P.M. The church offices will be closed that day, the Bookstore however will be open.

From a Visitor....

I received a letter this past week from a gentleman who attended our Annual Memorial and Parish Unity Mass on November 6th with three other gentlemen from Chicago. They were called the ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out). In his letter he paid us this wonderful compliment: "The reception and kindness shown by you and your parishioners to four travelers has not been forgotten. During the Unity Mass the friendliness and smiles by those around us made us feel at home and the children's choir made the morning even more special. Your invitation to the lunch was most welcome and may I extend our thanks to all who served and shared that meal. The enclosed donation is to be used at your discretion."

How blessed we are here at Old St. Mary's and Holy Family Chinese Mission to be recognized as a place of welcome to all especially the travelers! Fr. Daniel

New Online Program for Adult Faith Formation Offered at Parishes

The Archdiocese is offering an exciting program called Forward in Faith, in collaboration with Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Beginning the week of January 17th, twelve parishes in the Archdiocese will host men & women from neighboring parishes, for weekly online lectures. FORWARD IN FAITH will consist of ten sessions during January, February and March and ten sessions in September, October and November. For more information take a flyer that is in the back of the church or go to FORWARD IN FAITH at <http://sfarchdiocese.org> or call Cindy Gammer at 415-614-5616.

8th Annual Walk for Life

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.

**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.

"Healing The Pain of Abortion"

25th Anniversary Interfaith Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion - Friday, January 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral (Geary & Gough) "Healing the Pain of Abortion"

Please consider remembering **Old St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's School and Chinese Catholic Center** in your will. Your gift will enable us to continue our parish ministries to Chinatown, the Financial District and surrounding areas. For information on how to include us in your will, please call our pastor, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, at 415-288-3804.

**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.

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.

NOONTIME CONCERTS

EVERY TUESDAY at 12:35 p.m. at Old Saint Mary's!! For a complete schedule of concerts please visit the Noontime Concerts website at www.noontimeconcerts.org. Suggested Donation: \$5.00.

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JAN. 01, 2012: \$ 2,348.27

2nd Collection: \$ 899.15

JAN. 08, 2012: \$ 1,912.60

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

God Bless You for your Generosity!

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends:

Carmencita Bernardo, Denise Devry, Andrew Downs, Celia Epino, Betty Fiorelli, Cynthia Fong, Andrew Gee, Andrea Garcia, Edward Y. 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 Sm 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22;
Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28;
Wed. 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mark 3:1-6;
Thurs. 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12;
Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19;
Sat. 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mark 3:20-21;

THIS WEEK'S READING

1 Sm 3:3b—10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c—15a, 17—20; John 1:35-42
(Psalm 40)

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Jon 3: 1—5, 10: 1 Cor 7: 29—31; Mark 1: 14—20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, January 14 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

12:05PM Special Intention for Joy Bautista
5:00PM † In Loving Memory of Violeta Lugo

SUNDAY, January 15

8:30AM † Death anniversary-Luisa Barretto
11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**
9:30AM † Joseph Peter Wuskell
† Death anniversary -Fr. Charles A. Donovan, CSP
11:00AM Thanksgiving - Joseph Chiu
† Death anniversary-Fr. Charles A. Donovan,CSP

MONDAY, January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

7:30AM Special Intention for Ester Hayo
12:05PM † Consolacion Susbilla

TUESDAY, January 17 (St. Anthony)

7:30AM † Alberto L. de Sa
12:05PM Special intention for Grace Bondoc

WEDNESDAY, January 18

7:30AM Special Intention for Josefina Headley
12:05PM † Otto Dummer

THURSDAY, January 19

7:30AM Special Intention for Debra Cope
12:05PM Special Intention for Elizabeth Reilly

FRIDAY, January 20

7:30AM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco
12:05PM † Dorothy Morgan
† Peggy Cholko

SATURDAY, January 21 (St. Agnes)

12:05PM Special Intention for Amelia Telesforo
5:00PM 80th Birthday of John M. Frier, Sr.

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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Mrs. Nancy Fiebelkorn, Principal 929-4690


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Mr. Bill Chang, Principal 929-4694

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Thomas J. Dove, CSP Ricky Manalo, CSP
George Fitzgerald, CSP Terry Ryan, CSP

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

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Welcome to our community! We thank God for your presence.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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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.