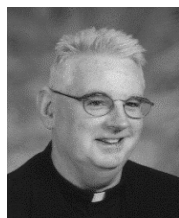




WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners & Visitors:

The Entrance Antiphon for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, sets the theme of this Sunday's liturgy:

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near!

Advent is not a season of fasting and penance as Lent is, but a season in which we joyfully await the Lord's coming again in glory as we anticipate the celebration of his historical birth on Christmas Day.

To put a little smile on our faces this *Gaudete Sunday* I would like to share with you "out of the mouth of babes!" Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children.

1. In the first book of the bible, guinessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
3. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
4. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
5. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
6. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
7. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
8. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
9. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
10. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
11. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
12. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.

Out of the mouths of babes ...so let us "rejoice in the Lord always!"

Fr. Daniel

**Bilingual Parish Unity Masses
for 2011-12**

**Christmas Day - Sunday,
December 25, 2011**

Parish Unity Mass with Old St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m.
followed by a reception in the auditorium provided by
Holy Family Association and Old St. Mary's.

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**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 with Old St. Mary's 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 with Old St. Mary's
at 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon to follow in Auditorium

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Pentecost Sunday - May 27, 2012

Parish Unity Mass with Old St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m.
followed by a joint parish Chinese 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 with Old St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m.
followed by our annual cookout provided by OSM.



Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2011
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!



Advent Giving Tree gifts must be in by Monday, December 12th. THANK YOU for your help and support!

VOLUNTEERS needed to help us do the shopping for the gifts on the Advent Tree after December 13. Please contact Ms. Julie Todd at 415-288-3809.

SIMBANG GABI (EARLY DAWN MASS)

Please join us for Simbang Gabi on **December 15, 17, 19-23, 2011, 6:30 p.m.** at Old St. Mary's Cathedral and at St. Boniface Church (133 Golden Gate Ave. and Leavenworth St., SF, CA.) on December 16 & 18.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition - comes from the custom of gathering to attend mass at the early dawn for nine consecutive days before Christmas. It's also known as *Misa de Gallo* (Mass of the Rooster). Catholic churches all over the Philippines will ring their bells from 3:00-3:30 a.m. each morning as the roosters crow, calling all worshippers to church. Refreshment will be served following the mass.

FLOWER ENVELOPES

Flowers Envelopes are now available in the Church. Please help decorate our church for Christmas by contributing to the flower fund. You may donate in memory or in honor of some one you care about. That is a wonderful way to say "Merry Christmas"!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11, 2011.

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to this week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. (www.retiredreligious.org)

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.

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, San Francisco, 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)

NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS FOR 2011-2012

Parents who seek excellence In education, Choose St. Mary's School. (838 Kearny, 415-929-4690)

St. Mary's is an accredited Catholic elementary school by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Western Catholic Education Association, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges. St. Mary's offers a strong academic program, value based education, computer learning, Mandarin classes, after school study program, athletics and other activities. WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR AND FOR 2011-12.

St. Mary's does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, loan programs, scholarships, athletic and other school administered programs. Tuition assistance is available. Pass along the news.

COLLECTIONS:

Nov. 27, 2011 (\$ 2,584.96)

Dec. 04, 2011 (\$ TBA)

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly & rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

God Bless You for your Generosity!

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

Denise Devry, Andrew Downs, Catherine England, Celia Epino, Betty Fiorelli, Ana Flores, Dolly Flores, Cynthia Fong, Andrew Gee, Andrea Garcia, Edward & Ida Hom, Gavin Lum, Bryan Kelly, Yvonne Lacoste, Paul Ledyard, Terri A. Low, Phyllis McHale, Dora Mira, John Uy, Francis Wong, Alice Garcia, Ramil Rodriguez

DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 P.M. - Vigil Mass
 11:00 P.M. - Christmas Choral Concert

DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass
 8:30 A.M.,
 11:00 A.M. Bilingual Parish Unity Mass.

Old St. Mary's & Holy Family Chinese Mission

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Zec 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38;
Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32;
Wed. Is 45:6b-8, 18,21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23;
Thurs. Is 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30;
Friday Is 56:1-3a,6-8; John 5:33-36;
Sat. Gn 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17;

THIS WEEK'S READING

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
(Psalm :My Soul Rejoices in my heart)

NEXT WEEK'S READING

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16: Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 10

12:05PM Get Well Blessings for Ray Christopher Acay
5:00PM † Jean Burke & Joseph Faupel

SUNDAY, December 11

8:30AM † Dr. Janos Marozsan (OSM)
11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE** (OSM)
9:30AM † My Lien Hoang (H/F)
11:00AM † Maria Duong To & John Nham Thap (H/F)

MONDAY, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7:30AM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco
12:05PM † Perfecto Tabaranza
Birthday Blessings for Clara Simko

TUESDAY, December 13 (St. Lucy)

7:30AM † Barbara Crocker
12:05PM † Pablito Clacio

WEDNESDAY, December 14 (St. John of the Cross)

7:30AM † Fr. James E. Driscoll
† Bro. Fred Buerman,OBL,OSB
12:05PM † In Memory of Joseph John Gatti

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30AM † All Souls in Purgatory
† In Loving Memory of Fr. James Donovan,CSP
12:05PM Get Well Blessings for Roberto Salmon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30AM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco
12:05PM † Mercedes Mae Santos & Mercedes Brufal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:05PM Get Well Blessings for Philip Remedios
5:00PM Healing for Jason & Sheryll Fredriksson

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

PLEASE CALL FOR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING:

Infant Baptism 288-3800
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 288-3800
Rite of Christian Marriage 288-3800
Sick & Homebound Visitation 288-3800
Living Landmark Campaign Office 288-3800
Landings 288-3800
Saturday for Engaged Couples 288-3866

PARISH STAFF TEL (415) 288-3800/ FAX (415)288-3838

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Peter G. Shea, CSP, *Parochial Vicar* 288-3807
Bartholomew Landry, CSP, *Parochial Vicar* 288-3817
Simon Tsui, *Deacon* 288-3800
Timothy Keller, *Paulist Center Manager* 288-3845
Julie A. Todd, *Administrative Assistant* 288-3809
Pia T. Lim, *Receptionist* 288-3800
Satoko Fujiwara, *Music Director* 288-3828

ST. MARY's DAY SCHOOL



Mrs. Nancy Fiebelkorn, Principal 929-4690


ST. MARY's LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Mr. Bill Chang, Principal 929-4694

PAULIST IN RESIDENCE

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

 **The Paulist Center Bookstore** 
614 Grant Avenue
(415) 288-3844 -45
Monday through Friday...11:00am ~ 6:00pm
Saturday...9:00am ~ 6:30pm
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 _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

- New parishioner Change of Address
- I am a visitor and want mailings
- I've been away from the Church. Please call me.