

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral

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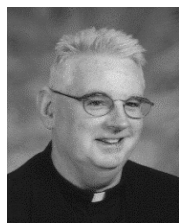


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WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

From the Pastor's Desk



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

For the past few weeks we have been listening to time honored carols of Christmas – “Silent Night” – “O Come All Ye Faithful” - “White Christmas” – “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and other carols that set the scene for the celebration of birth of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ.

One of these carols which we frequently hear is “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. I wonder how many people know that this Christmas carol was actually used to catechize young Catholics in England from the middle of the 16th century to the middle of the 18th century? During this period of time in England, Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly. We are told by historians that this carol was written to preserve our Catholic faith. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

I hope that these verses of this Christmas carol instruct you in the faith.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and charity.-
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-- Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

This carol hides a little bit of history for you to ponder and pass it on to your family and friends.

Have a great week! Fr. Daniel

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Bilingual Parish Unity Masses for 2011-12

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25, 2011

Parish Unity Mass 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 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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2011
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!



SIMBANG GABI (EARLY DAWN MASS)

Please join us for Simbang Gabi on **December 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.

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.

FLOWER 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 of or in honor of some one you care about. That is a wonderful way to say "*Merry Christmas!*"

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.

Thank you to everyone who made last week's White Christmas Ball a success. To those parishioners and friends who came and enjoyed an evening of fine dining and dancing to the music of "Alice and the Waves", thank you. However, a very special thank you to Lisa Lam, Lisa French, and Alison Yeung and a host of volunteers for all their hard work, especially Tim Keller and Leighton Louie for helping transforming the auditorium into a winter palace. Thank you All!!!!

Advent Giving Tree - Thank you

to all of you who participated in this year's Advent Giving Tree. Thank you to Julie Todd and Pia Lim for organizing and doing all of the ornaments. And a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feduniak of Las Vegas for their annual gift of \$4,000. All of you have made a lot of people's Christmas, both young and old, a little brighter. God bless all of you for your generosity.

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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DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

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

 12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 A.M.
 11:00 A.M. Bilingual Parish Unity Mass. Old St. Mary's & Holy Family Chinese Mission

COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 11, 2011: \$ 2,805.96
Retirement Religious : \$ 932.19

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." that the promise finds fulfillment

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 Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25;
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38;
Wed. Sg 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45;
Thurs. 1 Sm 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56;
Friday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66;
Sat. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16; Luke 1:67-79;

THIS WEEK'S READING

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
(Psalm 89)

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10; Hebrew 1:1 - 6; John 1:1 - 18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 17

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

SUNDAY, December 18

8:30AM **FOR THE PEOPLE** (OSM)
11:00AM † Linda Wong (OSM)
9:30AM † John Nam Linh (H/F)
11:00AM † Theresa Le Thi Trinh (H/F)

MONDAY, December 19

7:30AM † Melanie Liang Anderson
12:05PM † Concecion Gonzalez

TUESDAY, December 20

7:30AM † Cesar Velasco
12:05PM For the Intention of Javier Nepomuceno

WEDNESDAY, December 21

7:30AM † Tomas Rosete
12:05PM † Melchor Pades

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30AM For the Intention of Eileen Quindipan
12:05PM † Lena Young

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30AM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco
12:05PM † Bro. Fred Buerman, OBL, OSB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:05PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00PM † Jose & Ana Poblete

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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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.

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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.