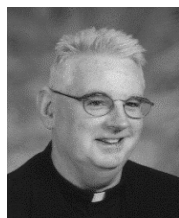




WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

From the Pastor 's Desk



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

Let us dance with delight to the Lord, and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on earth. Alleluia!

Taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, Roman Rite

On behalf of all the Paulist Fathers, our lay collaborators in ministry, and the teachers in our school, I wish to extend to all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! Let us indeed dance and rejoice that God has visited his people!

During this Christmas season let all peoples of faith pray for peace in the world, a peace only God can give if we open our hearts to love as Jesus taught us; for an end to all forms of violence; and for a stable economy throughout the world that includes a concern for the poor and unemployed. Let us also renew our commitment to value human dignity and respect for every human being regardless of race, sex, culture, belief or way of life. As the prayer of Blessed Pope John XXIII reminds us, we are the children of the same Father.

"Sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Pour into our hearts the peace which we sometimes seek so desperately, and which you alone can give. Help us to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness; join us together in your love; and give us all your heavenly peace. Amen."

Blessed Pope John XXIII (1881-1963)

I leave you with this prayer. Wishing God's blessings of Christmas joy and peace on you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Have a wonderful Christmas!
Fr. Daniel



Joyous Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Just in case you missed it last week, here is the true meaning behind the Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Please share with your families

- 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.

Christmas Day, December 25, 2011
Merry Christmas

**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.

**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.

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 someone you care about. That is a wonderful way to say "*Merry Christmas!*"

**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.

Help Lines for Victims of Clergy/Church Employee Sexual Abuse: Call 415 614-5506 or 415-614-5503. Please contact Ms. Barbara Elordi, Victim Assistance Coordinator. If you are seeking assistance in coping with this tragic situation, please call one of the numbers listed above.



There will be no **NOON-TIME CONCERT** on **December 27, 2011** until **January 10, 2012.**

**NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS
FOR 2011-2012**

**Parents who seek excellence
In education, Choose St. Mary's
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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 2012-2013. 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:
Dec. 18, 2011: \$ TBA**

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

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 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22;
Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8;
Wed. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18;
Thurs. 1 Jn 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35;
Friday Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Luke 2:22—40;
Sat. 1 Jn 2:18—21; John 1:1—18;

THIS WEEK'S READING

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10; Hebrew 1:1 - 6; John 1:1 - 18
(Psalm 98)

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Nm 6: 22—27; Gal 4: 4—7; Luke 2: 16—21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 24

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

SUNDAY, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord) Christmas Day—Bilingual Liturgy

8:30AM † Roberto C. Barretto
11:00AM **Asking for God's Blessings**
† Andrew Chan Wan Chue
† Duong & Nham Family

MONDAY, December 26 (St. Stephen)

7:30AM † Jose Pio & Luisa Barretto
12:05PM † Lamberto Bautista, Jr.
† Death Anniversary of Florencia Abueva

TUESDAY, December 27 (St. John)

7:30AM For the Intention of Fr. John Greene
12:05PM † Death Anniversary of Mark Santos

WEDNESDAY, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)

7:30AM For the intention of Ellen Murphy
12:05PM For the Intention of Teresa Spremich

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30AM For the Intention of Claire Kendall
12:05PM † Jose & Ana Poblete

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30AM Get well blessings for Paul Simko
12:05PM For the Intention of John Michael Bautista

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:05PM † Grace Go Fong
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

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

Daniel E. McCotter, CSP, *Pastor* 288-3804
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

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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.