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**O**ld Saint Mary's, built in 1854 as California's first cathedral, is facing its greatest challenge in its 156 year history. A survivor of The 1906 Earthquake and Fire, this major historical landmark must now either raise the funds to seismically reinforce its structure as required by local ordinance. Your prayerful and financial support today will help save this beautiful landmark, preserve its rich history, and continue the welcoming presence of Old Saint Mary's Cathedral in the 21st Century.

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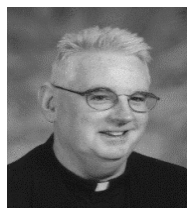


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# WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## *From the Pastor's Desk*



### **Dear Parishioners and Visitors:**

Old St. Mary's and Holy Family prides itself on being a place of welcome for parishioners and visitors alike. Over the years we have offered a variety of AA programs for the business community as well as distribute

1,000 bags of groceries to seniors on fixed incomes. I recently received this article from a grateful AA member which I wish to share with you.

"For many years Old St. Mary's has provided Alcoholics Anonymous with a safe and convenient downtown location to help alcoholics stay sober by sharing their experiences, strength and hope and each other. These weekday meetings serve the needs of many who work in the financial district.

Alcoholic Anonymous was co-founded by Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith in 1939 and has since expanded globally. At any given time, there are AA meetings being held somewhere in the world. The heart of this suggested program of personal recovery is contained by what has become known as "12 steps." In essence, the 12 steps take a participant on a spiritual journey from admitting and accepting their alcoholism, to development of character and finally to a spiritual awakening. These steps are now generally regarded as the most effective addiction therapy available.

The goes that on a rainy New York City night in 1940, a depressed and frustrated Bill Wilson was paid a visit by a man who introduced himself as Father Edward Dowling, a Catholic priest. Not an alcoholic himself (though a chain smoker) Father Dowling told him that he and Jesuit friend had been struck by the similarity of AA's 12 steps and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola which were developed more than 400 years earlier. Bill replied "never heard of him." Fr. Dowling laughed.

That night, Father Dowling primarily wanted to talk about the paradox of AA, "the regeneration" he called it, the strength arising out of defeat and weakness and the loss of one's old life as a condition for achieving a new one. The two sat and discussed AA's 12-steps at length and in depth.

Was there anything from the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius in Father Dowling's gift to Bill? Dowling pointed out the parallels between the Exercises and the 12-steps several times but Wilson had astonishingly written the Steps before he had ever heard of St. Ignatius and his Spiritual Exercises. Whatever the case may be, the parallels were uncanny and the dye was cast for a 20 year friendship between the two men.

Almost from the inception, AA's 12-steps process has been a model for other programs that help people recover from a variety of shared maladies, most notably, Al-Anon, the purpose of which is to help friends and families of alcoholics. Whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not, Al-Anon offers hope and recovery to all those affected by the alcoholism of a loved one or friend.

Over the last 70 years, the substance of A.A., its core literature, its program of recovery and its ways of looking at life has changed very little. But in terms of the numbers and diversity of its members, A.A. today would be unrecognizable to its pioneers. In the early years, AA members were almost exclusively male, white, middle-class, middle aged and of Western extraction. They were men who had fallen very far, often from the top of their business and professional careers.

The AA of 2011 is vibrant, increasingly international, multi-ethnic, cutting across social classes and less rigidly religious than it was in the beginning. A much more spectacular trend is that young people have streamed into AA in the last few decades, most of them addicted to other drugs as well as alcohol. It has become a consensus of the alcoholism research and treatment that: "There are almost no 'pure' alcoholics among younger people anymore. They are addicted to alcohol and other drugs, or even exclusively to drugs."

Alcoholic Anonymous is a program of a new way of life without alcohol, a program that is working successfully for millions of men and women throughout the world, and in all walks of life. The experience of A.A. members is that alcoholism is a progress illness that cannot be cured, but which, like other illnesses, can be treated by staying away from alcohol one day at a time.

As its founder Bill Wilson so eloquently stated "All AA progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words – humility and responsibility. Our entire spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards." Magnificent standards indeed.

Thank you Old St. Mary's for providing AA with one of its many spiritual homes here in San Francisco.

**A grateful member of AA**

***Have a good week. Fr. Daniel***

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 29, 2011**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**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](http://www.noontimeconcerts.org)

**(Suggested Donation : \$5.00 )**

**Community Open House** at the new St. Mary's School and Chinese Catholic Center – 838 Kearny Street – on Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome!!!!

**CUSTOMARY FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
**MAY 29, 2011**

TODAY we take up the customary **FIFTH SUNDAY** collection to support the work of our local St. Vincent de Paul Chapter. This collection directly helps people in need in our parish and neighborhood. Volunteers will be at the back of church at the end of each mass to receive your donation. Please be generous. THANK YOU!

**MEMORIAL DAY ~ MAY 30, 2011**



Church offices will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. There will only be one Mass that day, at 12:05 P.M. Bookstore will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that day.

**Bi-Lingual Parish Unity Masses - 2011**

**Pentecost Sunday - Sunday, June 12, 2011**

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

**Annual Parish Picnic - August 28, 2011**

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

**Meet the Servant of God ~ Fr. Isaac Thomas Hecker**  
**Founder of the Paulist Fathers**

“Religion is the solution to the problem of man's destiny. Religion, therefore, lies at the root of everything which concerns man's true interest. (“The Church and the Age: An Exposition of the Catholic Church in View of the Needs and Aspirations of the Current Age” p.132 The Catholic World, 1887) Isaac Hecker for Every Day, edited by **Ronald A. Franco, CSP, Paulist Press.**

**“Lift Up Your Hearts”!**

- We continue with the installments of the Archdiocese's Year of Renewal in Worship and Prayer- Part 3

**The Presentation of the Gifts & Preparation of the Altar**

**“First, the altar, the Lord's table, which is the center of the whole Liturgy of the Eucharist, is prepared by placing on it the corporal, purificator, Missal, and chalice... (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, [GIRM] n. 73 )**

Do you know any “foodies” – folks who love food “for consumption, study, preparation and news?” (“Foodie,” Wikipedia). In a way, all of us are called to give special attention to the simple food we bring to the Lord's altar table, for with the bread and wine we bring our entire lives.

After the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharistic takes place in the Mass. This part of the liturgy begins with the preparation of the altar. This is a pivotal action. The **ambo** was the point of focus for the Liturgy of the Word; the **altar** is the point of focus for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Word of God proclaimed, taken in, and “digested” leads us to the action of the Eucharist where we actually eat and drink of the Word made Flesh.

The gifts of bread and wine are presented by those gathered in the assembly. Unleavened bread – wheat that was planted, tended, harvested, crushed, and then made into this simple food. Wine – grapes that were planted, tended, harvested, crushed, and then made anew into a rich drink. These are the elements through which we offer ourselves to God and Christ offers himself to us. Financial offerings for the poor or for the needs of the Church also symbolize and make real our participation in the Eucharist and in the mission of the Church.

*What are the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of my week that I bring to the Lord's altar table?*

**COLLECTIONS**

**May 22, 2011 (\$ 2,197.72)**

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the one who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

**Thank You for your generosity!**

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones and Friends:** Anthony Bryndza, Denise Devry, Catherine England, Vilma Eslabra, Virginia Fenton, Betty Fiorelli, Dolly Flores, Jim Foster, Bryan Kelley, Diana Landa, Paul Ledyard, Phyllis McHale, Maria Pelola,

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26— 16:4a;  
Tuesday Zep 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56;  
Wed. Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15;  
Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16—20;  
Friday Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20—23  
Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b—28;

**THIS WEEK'S READING**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; John 14:15-21  
(Psalm 66 )

**NEXT WEEK'S READING**

Acts 1:12—14; 1 Pt 4:13—16; Jn 17:1—11a

**2011 Weekly Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

12:05PM Healing prayer for Vilma Eslabra  
5:00PM † Annabelle Bajo

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

8:30AM † Bridgid Whelan (OSM)  
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE (OSM)  
9:30AM For those men & women who gave their  
lives for our country. (HOLY FAMILY)  
11:00AM † Andrew Chan (HOLY FAMILY)

**MONDAY, MAY 30 (MEMORIAL DAY)**

7:30AM † Olympia Martires  
12:05PM Birthday of Vicky Velarde de Jesus

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**

7:30AM † Alfredo Martires  
12:05PM † Alfred Selvester

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 01 (ST. JUSTIN)**

7:30AM † Paulino Abella  
12:05PM † Francesca Micaller

**THURSDAY, JUNE 02 (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)**

7:30AM † Anthony & Assunta Pesiri/Joseph Capobianco  
12:05PM Birthday/Thanksgiving for Rolando Marzan

**FRIDAY, JUNE 03 (ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMP)**

7:30AM † MEMBERS OF MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
12:05PM † Hermenegildo Brillantes

**SATURDAY, JUNE 04**

12:05PM † Mass for All Souls  
5:00PM Thanksgiving offering for Fr. Tom Dove

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

**Help Lines for Victims of Clergy/Church Employee Sexual Abuse (415)**  
614-5506 - Ms. Barbara Elordi, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator will answer this line:(415) 614-5503 -Answered by victims of clergy/Church employees sexual abuse. If you are seeking assistance in coping with this tragic situation, please call one of the numbers listed above.

**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) in 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  
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**ST. MARY's DAY SCHOOL**



Mrs. Nancy Fiebelkorn, Principal 929-4690


**ST. MARY's LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

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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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.