

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854)

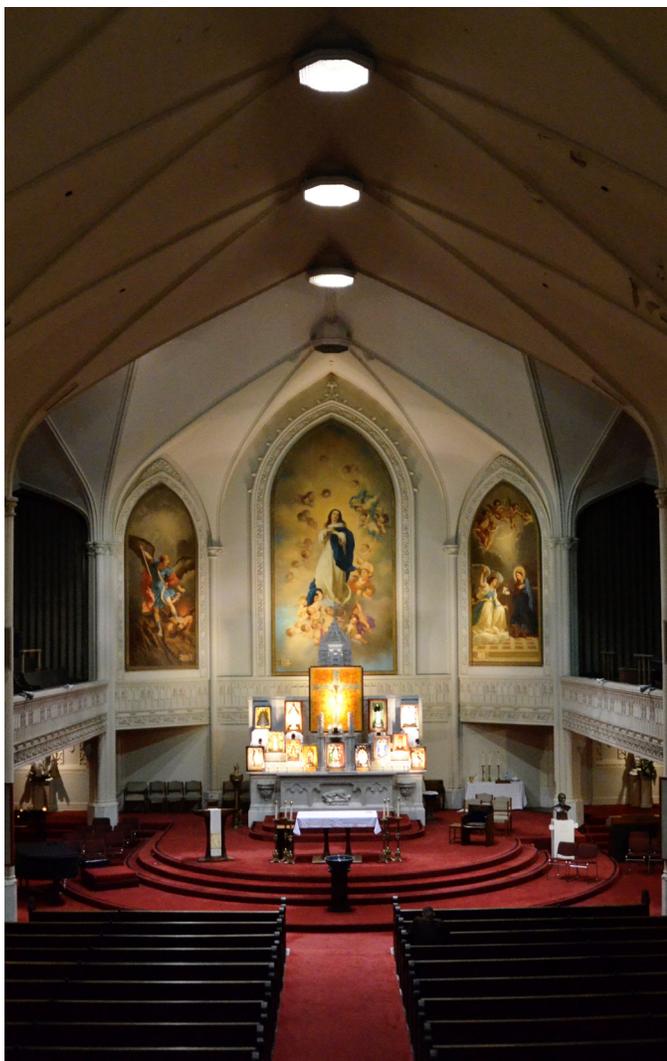
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission is a culturally diverse Catholic community which seeks to evangelize in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



OLD SAINT MARY'S, built in 1854 as California's first Cathedral, was the first Cathedral to be named in honor of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The Paulist Fathers were given Pastoral responsibilities of Old St. Mary's in 1894 and have faithfully ministered to the people of Chinatown, Nob Hill and the Financial District ever since. A Survivor of the 1906 earthquake and fire, this major historical landmark has been retrofitted to meet new seismic codes; however,



we must now comply with the American Disability Act and refurbish the interior of this beautiful old cathedral. Your prayer 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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday : 12:05PM

Saturday : 5:00PM Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation -
(by appointment only)

Sunday : 9:00AM

11:00AM - Bilingual Mass*

(*Cantonese & English)

Livestreamed on YouTube*

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. John Ardis, CSP
Deacon Simon Tsui

Senior Priests In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP | Fr. Richard Chilson, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP | Fr. Michael Evernden, CSP
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP

Parish Receptionist: Pia Lim

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

For more information on the sacraments call the parish office at 415-288-3800.



All Are Welcome

Notes from the Paulist



ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Although Pope Pius XII proclaimed the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary into heaven in 1950, the roots of this belief date back to the earliest Christians in Egypt.

These Christians needed no sophisticated theology to understand the Assumption. If they believed that Jesus ascended into heaven and remained there after his resurrection, then his mother Mary should be there as well. And NOT just as a spirit. Having her body in heaven was important. If only the male Jesus was present in heaven as body and spirit, wasn't half the human race excluded?

Jesus had promised a bodily resurrection to his faithful followers in the fullness of time. Jesus' Ascension, body and spirit, into heaven was to prepare us for the fulfillment of this promise.

Mary's own body had shared in a most intimate way in the birth of Jesus. She had been present at the foot of the cross to share in his death. She was with the other disciples in the upper room to receive the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It seemed only proper that she, body and spirit, would share with Jesus the heavenly work of praying for and sometimes healing his people on earth.

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother, body and spirit, into heaven is important for us, because as Catholic Christians, we have feared and distrusted women and particularly their bodies.

In the Medieval paintings of Mary's Assumption, she is often seen in heaven in the company of angels. To be more precise, in the company of cherubs. Cherubs are portrayed as a head and wings, or else as tiny babies. Cherubs have no sign of being male nor female. In fact, they have no sex.

They portray an innocence that most Catholic leaders relate to the time before puberty, in other words, a time of "innocence."

Must we forsake our sexuality, or deny our maleness or femaleness, in order to be "innocent?" Is this something we honestly look forward to experiencing "in heaven?" When Jesus speaks of being "pure of heart" he's not speaking about sex. "Pure of heart" for Jesus means a single-hearted devotion to doing God's will. This is what Jesus expresses in the garden of Gethsemane when he prays "*not my will, Lord, but YOURS be done.*" It's what Mary professes to the angel Gabriel when she replies: "*let this be done according to YOUR word.*" This is what we pray in the Lord's prayer: "*YOUR kingdom come, YOUR will be done.*"

I remember a Catholic school teacher telling me that Mary was so pure she never experienced the pains of childbirth when her son Jesus came into this world. She would not have to be troubled by the smells and messiness that have accompanied childbirth for women throughout the ages. This is pious nonsense fostered by celibate religious wearing fancy and, of course, very clean robes.

Mary can pray for us in heaven precisely because she understands the worst we human beings can experience as well as the best, and all the stuff in between. Mothers learn not to be afraid of blood or messiness. What matters is caring for those she loves, whatever personal sacrifice is involved.

If Jesus and Mary are both present in heaven, body as well as spirit, we have two friends in God's kingdom who understand all the trials and difficulties and temptations we go through precisely as a man and precisely as a woman. A man and a woman, both holy and human, to whom we might want to direct our prayers.

Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

TWENTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
August 14, 2022

MONDAY, August 15, 2022 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. All are most welcome to join us for Mass on that day at 12:05PM. Presider: Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)
Campaign Goal : \$32,078.
Received so far : \$ 6,277.
Needed to reach our goal : \$ 25,801.

SOULNAUTS
with Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
2:00PM Mountain Time
On Zoom 367 360 7803
or go to snowmassbookstore.com

What is a *Soulonaut*? Well, an Astronaut is one who explores outspace. A *Soulonaut* is one who explores inner space. This is the place of the heart prayer, the interior life, that sometimes seems like just as empty a place as outer space. But we know that neither outer space nor inner space is empty. You just have to know how to look. These Wednesdays, beginning with AUGUST, I will reflect on discoveries and the process of the interior life. Come fly with me!

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA
SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)
Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318
Passcode: 809416



SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES
Thinking of getting married in 2022?
Take your pre-cana class with us.
Sessions for 2022: October 15, & December 10
One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.
Website : www.oldsaintmarys.org;
Email: tomtavella@paulist.org

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP
Thursday, AUGUST 18th | 5:00PM (PST)

READINGS for SUNDAY, AUG. 21st
IS 66: 18-21; HEB 12: 5-7;
LUKE 13: 22-30

Join ZOOM Meeting :
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610
Passcode: 016304



ALL ARE INVITED!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(AUGUST 13 - 20, 2022)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00PM BIRTHDAY in Heaven - +Rosa Ma
THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00AM BIRTHDAY - Lonnie Chavez
THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
IN MEMORY OF - +Anna Suk Han Li
BIRTHDAY - Aries dela Paz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Melvin Chan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

12:05PM +Dorothy Diaz

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Pacifco Ambat

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

12:05PM GOOD HEALTH - Annabelle, Felipe, and
Peachy Torio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

5:00PM IN MEMORY - +Peter Chan

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends

Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Angela Hudson, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios,
Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Quincy Castillo, Ida &
Carolyn Hom, Leonora Tolentino & Family, Luis Landa, Xandy
Alicante, Sandy, Aimee & Family,