

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.

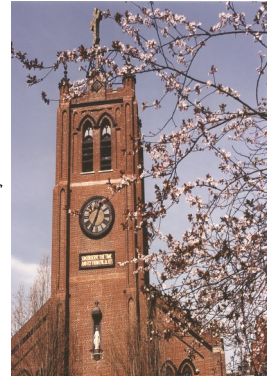


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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 and Chinese Mission.



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

Admin. & Adult Faith Formation: Rachael Smit

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.



WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

WHERE IS OUR JOURNEY TAKING US?

A Reflection on the EMMAUS Story by Paulist Father Joe Scott

In today's gospel, two disciples are on a journey. It's significant that they are on a journey AWAY from Jerusalem. Jesus' disciples have been traveling TO Jerusalem for most of Luke's gospel, and now they are IN Jerusalem celebrating the exciting news that Jesus has risen and appeared to them. But these two disciples are going in the opposite direction. And they are downcast, discouraged, sad. Even though they've heard some news about the resurrection, it hasn't yet come alive for them. By the end of this story, however, these two disciples ARE filled with joy and are making their way back to Jerusalem. What happened to change their hearts?

They meet a stranger on the road, and he walks with them, explaining the meaning of the Scriptures. This is certainly one of the ways we experience Jesus' presence in our lives. We listen to the gospel each Sunday. This is important, but not quite enough. But when these two disciples reach their home, the stranger begins to walk on down the road.

The two disciples realize that it is evening, it's getting dark, and it's dangerous to be on the road at night. They invite this stranger to share a meal with them and spend the night under their roof. And through this generous and indeed risky act of hospitality—they don't know who this man is, he could be a robber himself—but through their hospitality they recognize that this stranger is Jesus in their midst. Luke describes the meal they are sharing as having all the actions of a Eucharist, showing that for these earliest of Christians the Eucharist is not just about worship but about hospitality.

One of the largest questions that faces us in our church, in our nation and in our world is: how hospitable are we willing to be to the stranger? We no longer live in a tight knit neighborhoods or small towns where everyone knows everyone else. At the same time, we live in an incredibly diverse society where each day we encounter people of every race, language and religion. Outside of our small circle of family and friends, almost everyone we meet on a typical day is a stranger.

You might remember that a few Lents back, Pope Francis asked that we give money to the homeless persons we see on the street, without worrying about how they might spend the money. When I heard Pope Francis said this I thought, "Boy, I could never do that." I'm not a generous person by nature. I'm stingy with my time, talent and treasure.

But Pope Francis made this request just before Lent began, and his words stuck in my mind. I found myself thinking, instead of giving up chocolate why not try giving up some of my money to a homeless person each day of Lent? I told myself, I don't have to decide whether this is a wise or foolish thing to do. I'm doing it because Pope Francis asked me to.

With Lent transformed into Easter, I can guarantee that I didn't solve the problem of homelessness in San Francisco. Nor did I make a significant difference in the life of any homeless person. I may now and again have helped someone buy a cup of coffee or a sandwich. What really began to change this Lent was MY heart. Some of the fear I've always felt confronting a ragged stranger on the street began to diminish. Rather than feeling vaguely guilty or disappointed in myself in my usual habit of turning away from some bedraggled soul and pretending he or she wasn't there, I would return home from my walks and the graceful encounters that followed filled up with a burst of energy that started my day on the right foot.

Today's gospel tells us that if we want to experience the joy the disciples felt when they discovered the Lord Jesus alive and with them, the quickest way to do that is to extend hospitality to a stranger. Each of us must find our own way of doing that. But try it. See what happens!

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER
April 23, 2023



Fr. Joe welcomes you to the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He is a sinner, who has made a lot of mistakes, and with God's help, has done some good. This is not false modesty. It's the honest truth.

Fr. Joe appreciates your prayers and hopes that you will enjoy attending his celebration!

April 29th after the 5:00PM Mass in the Sacristy
April 30th after each Masses at 9:00AM & 11:00AM
in the Auditorium.

We look forward to seeing you at the reception.

FELLOW PARISHIONERS —We are thrilled to announce that John Schmidt has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious "Spirit of Hecker" Award, named after our founder Servant of God Isaac Hecker. This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the spirit of Father Hecker in their dedication to their faith, service to the community, and commitment to the Paulist mission. Please watch and follow the link below for a short video with Fr. Michael & John Schmidt.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HLWsDgEZXY

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS.

Remember your Mother on Mother's Day on May 14th. CARDS are available in the back of the church, and the church office for a Novena of Masses to be offered after Mother's Day for mothers both living and deceased. Please fill out the enclosed paper with the name of those to be remembered. Suggested offering : \$10.00

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, April 27, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, April 30, 2023
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 | 1Pt 2: 20b-25 | John 10: 1-10

Join ZOOM Meeting :
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ALL ARE INVITED!

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 5,327.
Less Payments Received : \$ 41,435.

EPIPHANY CENTER's 15th ANNUAL
Celebrating Mothers Day Luncheon
Wednesday, May 10, 11:30am,
St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco

Hosted by the Epiphany League and Luncheon Co-chairs Sheila Kelly & Jean Macaluso. This beloved event raises much-needed funds for San Francisco's most vulnerable women, children, and families. We invite you to share a heartwarming afternoon in honor of all the women who have shaped your life! Tickets \$150. For more information, to Sponsor a Table, Purchase Tickets, or donate an item or service to our Online Auction visit TheEpiphanyCenter.org;

Email: info@TheEpiphanyCenter.org
or call (415) 351-4055.

Easter Season Vocation Retreat for Single
Adult Catholic Women.

Is GOD calling You to be a Sister?

Join the Daughters of Charity SEARCH & SERVE RETREAT - a religious vocation discernment week in San Francisco, May 24-29, 2023! **SEARCH** your heart for answers. **SERVE** those living in Poverty side-by-side with Sisters. Contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 or email Srllaguna@doc1633.org.



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Mass Intentions For The Week

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(April 22- 29, 2023)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00PM IN MEMORY OF Helen Lee
THANKSGIVING Offering for Greg
+Concepcion Melo

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:00AM INTENTION - Francis Wong & Family
+Katherine Amone & Steven Casella

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY
+Lem Sek Wong

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Jamie Ong
+Mary Louise McCreedy & Rose Fanelli

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Marie Joyce Silva
+Amelia & Andrea Ferrannini

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Juliana Low
+Andrew Fanelli & Thomas Hine

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan
+Andrew Ferrannini, Jr. & Grace Caramanno

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

5:00PM THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones,
and Friends : Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham,
Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Milt Commons, Catalina &
Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina Leu,
Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Frankie
Chios, Miguel Andolong, Kit, & Family, Anne Tran



We Welcome . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays & Lesbians
Homeless Persons
Loving Relationships
Married Couples
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travelers: Far and Near
Widows & Widowers
Visitors*

We Seek . . .

*To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and tell the Story
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

We Celebrate...

*Diversity
A Spirit of Hospitality
The Unity that God Wills
Enlightening Those who Seek God
Forming Small Faith Communities
Reaching Out to Alienated Catholics
Reverencing the Dignity of Each Person
Caring for the Needs of the Less Fortunate
Empowering Christians to Realize their Call
Providing an Oasis in the Financial District
Honoring Understanding among All Faiths
Nurturing our Gifts and Sharing Them
Supporting the Arts through Concerts
Pursuing New Ways to Serve
Being a Good Neighbor*

We Treasure our Past

We Hope in the Future



**PAULIST
FATHERS**