

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

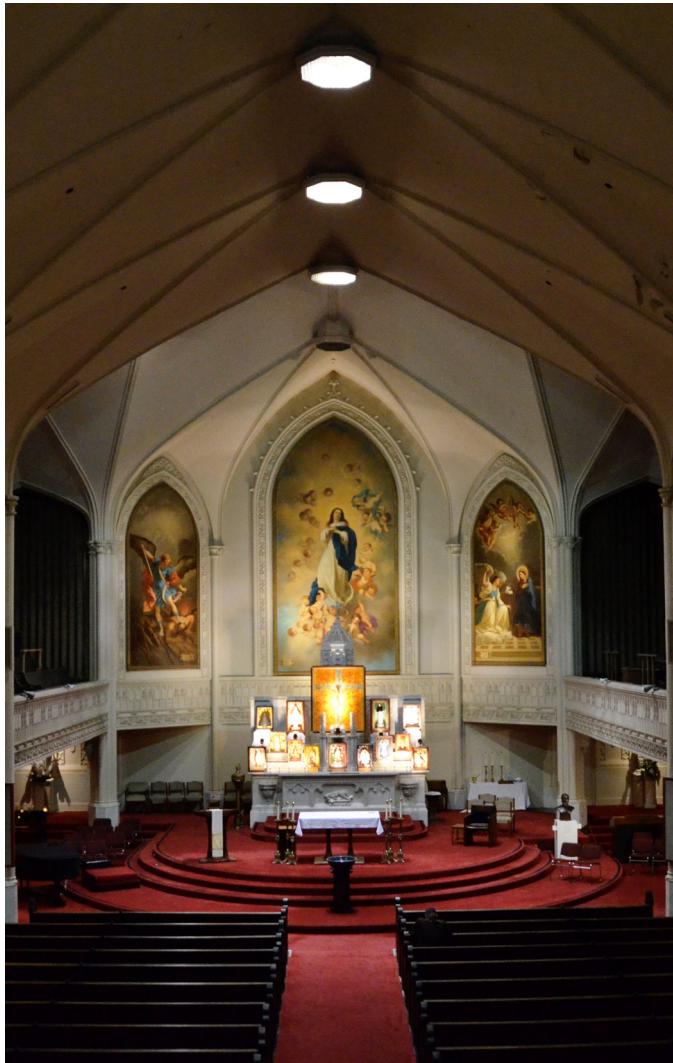
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

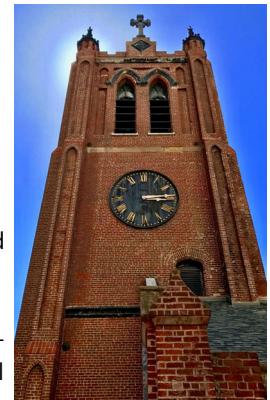


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, 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

FIVE REASONS WHY FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS MY FAVORITE SAINT: A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

A popular bumper sticker a few years back asked “what would Jesus do?”

It's a good question to ponder whenever we're faced with a decision or difficulty. It's not always an easy question to answer! An advantage of having saints is that they give us at least a thousand human attempts to live like Jesus. Even the strange or cranky saints—yes, such ones have walked the earth—have something to teach us.

But I suspect most of us have a favorite saint or two. Mine is St. Francis of Assisi. I'm not sure I could live exactly as he did, but I keep returning to him in prayer as a wise guide for my spirit. Here are five reasons why:

1. He shows me that money and material possessions will not bring me joy. What brought Francis joy? People and nature. Francis made friends with men like Brother Leo and Brother Juniper and women like St. Claire and Lady Jacoba (whom Francis called “Brother”). I imagine that men and women followed Francis for the same reason men and women of a different time followed Jesus: he made them feel fully alive.

2. He kissed a leper. I don't want to do this! But Pope Francis, early in his years as bishop of Rome, followed his namesake's example by embracing and kissing a horribly disfigured man. I imagine that Pope Francis didn't want to do this either. But he didn't stop to think about it. His heart melded with that other Francis and let the love flow beyond the fear.

3. He saw all creation as his brother and sister. Too many people think of nature as something to exploit for financial gain, preferably from a distance. But physicians today are explaining that spending time each day in nature, even as little as tending a plant or walking through a garden, is a blessing for our mental AND physical health. Francis appreciated the Divine gift that was nature and never took it for granted.

4. He invented the Christmas manger scene. When I visited Rome, and much later when I spent a month in Mexico, I was enthralled by the creches and nacimientos that graced nearly every church, all year long. In small, poor towns the Christ child lives at the center of a miniature world, within all its activity and persistent pain and frail hope. Manger scenes provide our most vivid image of the mystery of the Incarnation. St. Francis started all that, on a hillside outside the Italian village of Grecio, with live animals to boot!

5. He showed us that peace is holier than war. In Francis' day Pope Innocent III, a living enthronement of earthly power and splendor, launched a Holy War to seize back the Holy Land from the Muslims. While the mighty Christian crusaders marched toward Jerusalem on horseback, Francis traveled on sandals with single friend. He sent a message to the Sultan asking permission to visit, not knowing whether this would lead to his own martyrdom. Instead the curious Sultan invited Francis for a visit. We don't know exactly what they talked about. Did Francis interest the Sultan in Jesus? Did the Sultan talk to this Christian Friar about Islam? We do know this: in the centuries during which Muslims ruled over the Holy Land, Franciscans were the only priests permitted to establish churches there.

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. He is, of course, the patron saint of San Francisco! More about that next Sunday—Who is your favorite saint? And why?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR

With Fr. Tom Tavella

Sundays, 4PM (PT)

Join ZOOM Meeting –

Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513

Passcode: 003859



BIBLE STUDY

with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

WHEN : October 07, 2021

TIME : 5:00PM PST

READINGS for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
WIS 7:7-11; HEBREW 4: 12-13; MARK 10: 17-30

Join ZOOM Meeting

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910

Passcode: 332406

ALL ARE INVITED!

Many Thanks to All for the birthday wishes this past weekend! I am truly grateful for the delicious cakes after each mass. It is worth a birthday to remember.

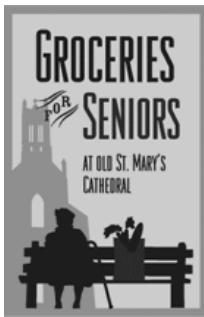
God Bless One and All!

Fr. Tom

GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR PART TIME HELP

Groceries for Seniors is looking for someone to help us load in the bulk grocery deliveries we receive on Monday & Wednesday mornings. The hours for this part time position are 7:30—11:00AM.

Interested parties must be able to lift boxes as heavy as 40 lbs. Position pays \$16.32 an hour, and you will be offered a free bag of groceries each shift. All Groceries for Seniors volunteers & employees are required to wear MASKS. Please email your resume to Tim Thompson at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (October 02 - 09, 2021)

Saturday October 02

5:00PM †PRAYER for All Saints & Souls

Sunday, October 03

9:00AM †GIFT OF LIFE - The Smith Family

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, October 05

12:05PM †GOOD HEALTH - James Philip Bautista

Wednesday, October 06

12:05PM †GOOD HEALTH - Luisa & Jose Rodrigues

Thursday, October 07

**12:05PM †BIRTHDAY - Annelise Silva
SPEEDY RECOVERY - Daniel Vanier**

Friday, October 08

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Saturday, October 09

5:00PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, Quincy Castillo, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Tina & Bob Panelli

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 03, 2021

RESPECT LIFE WEBINARS

Join us for a series of webinars that address the findings of an important study on abortion attitudes in the U.S.

- Prenatal Development**

Tuesday, October 05 @12:30 pm

- What is Legal?**

Tuesday, October 12 @ 12:30 pm

- The Ethics**

Tuesday, October 19 @ 12:30 pm

For information and to register visit sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars. Questions? Contact Maria at 415-614-5533 or prolife@sfarch.org

We Welcome . . .

People of All Faiths & All Races

People of Diverse Cultures

Divorced or Separated Persons

Families with Children

Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders

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

