

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.

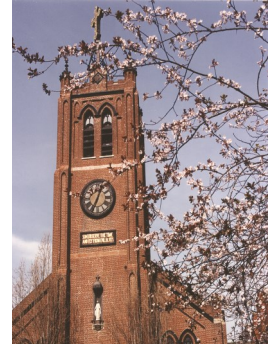


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING IN A TIME OF BAD NEWS

In my family, we ate turnips on Thanksgiving. It was the only time this vegetable ever appeared on our dinner table. They had a uniquely bitter taste, and for my mother were hard to find in the shopping mart. I don't know if they were hard to cook. But turnips graced our table every Thanksgiving.

In her older years, my mother revealed that she had never liked turnips, and my father hadn't liked them either. But HIS mother had served them every Thanksgiving, perhaps a legacy of her Irish roots. For my dad, it just wouldn't be Thanksgiving without turnips according to my grandmother's recipe, even though the leftovers mysteriously disappeared on Friday morning.

Years later, after my dad had left us for the greatest Feast of all, I would have lunch with my mother on my day off. We usually ate at a steak house, which served a great salmon and baked potato. When Mom grew older, and could no longer live on her own, I would visit her at the care home where she now lived. She didn't like the food there, but she did enjoy the Big Macs and French Fries from the nearby McDonald's.

In those months, she was very angry at me for the loss of her home and independence. Sometimes she would say nothing to me during our meal, at least nothing nice. But I would watch her eat, and it did mean a lot to me that she so obviously enjoyed that hamburger and fries. We ate this same lunch, week after week, now too many years ago. I don't eat Big Macs anymore, but I always have a catch in my heart when I pass a McDonald's.

On November 28, 1963, Americans gathered by tradition to their homes to celebrate Thanksgiving. The President of the United States had been assassinated six days before. His burial had occurred four days before the feast. It's astonishing to me now that we didn't cancel Thanksgiving. But as with my grandmother's turnips, it just wouldn't have seemed right.

We didn't postpone Thanksgiving. We roasted the turkey and baked the pumpkin pie. Our conversations may have been a bit subdued at first, but most of us gradually warmed to the joys and challenges of gathering with family, even with that aching awareness of a larger loss.

We associate Thanksgiving with the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1642. But it was another American President, Abraham Lincoln, who created this national observance in 1863, during the height of the Civil War. Americans suffered more casualties during this war dividing our North and South than any other war to this date.

We would wisely still pray the last words of Lincoln's proclamation: " I recommend that while offering up the ascriptions justly due God for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidable engaged, and fervently implore the imposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and restore it as soon as it may be consistent for the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony , tranquility, and Union.

Each November, we gather with our not so perfect family and our sinful church and our deeply divided nation. We gather because, having been nourished by this ritual of food and memory for so long, we cannot NOT be here. We must be here, because we still believe that God is here, even though we are so often not at all Godlike. And who but God can help free us from the mess we're in?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 15,711. (as of 11/13)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 31,051.

**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

Church offices will be closed Thursday, November 23rd in observance of THANKSGIVING DAY. There will be Mass at 11:00AM on that day.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COLLECTION!

THIS WEEKEND, November 19 our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, November 23, 5:00PM**

READINGS : Sunday, November 26 2023
EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1COR 15: 20-26, 28;
MATTHEW 25: 31-40

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



After 16 years with OSM, *Pia Lim*, our receptionist will be retiring at the end of this year, 2023.

The RECEPTIONIST supports the goal of ensuring efficient operation of the Parish Office and maintains an attitude of flexibility. Provide a welcoming presence for anyone who contacts the office, either in person or by phone. Support the pastoral staff through the proficient use of secretarial and administrative skills. If interested, please contact Fr. John Ardis at 415-288-3804. or email resume to johnardis@paulist.org.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE AND COMMERCIAL HEALTH COVERAGE

SUNDAY, November 26, 2023, AUDITORIUM
10AM – 11AM, after the 9AM Mass
12PM – 1PM after the 11AM Mass
Chinese Community Health Plan are full-service health plans that serve the Bay Area residents with quality, affordable health plan coverage.

COME MEET US & LEARN MORE!

For more information, call 1-888-371-3060.

www.CCHPHealthPlan.com;

www.BalancebyCCHP.com

**GIVING TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 28, 2023
HAVE YOU HEARD OF #GIVING Tuesday?**

It is an opportunity for people around the world to use their individual power of generosity to support their communities.

ON GIVING TUESDAY—November 28 - the whole world comes together to give back in many ways: through acts of kindness, gifts, time, talent, or treasure.

NOONTIME CONCERTS San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break LIVE!

Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's at 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit www.noontimeconcerts.org, or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, or (415) 637-6409.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 18 - 25, 2023

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.
+Roxy Lim

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00AM +Ali Massoumi
+Gregorio Limjoco

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
Successful Surgery - Arlen Intengan
HEALING - Chad Thomson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:05PM INTENTION—The Biden Family
FOR HEALING - Viechel Hunter

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:05PM +Adelia Limjoco
+Juan Bautista

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

11:00AM BIRTHDAY - +Deena Kaye
BIRTHDAY - Henry Ng
BIRTHDAY - Mars Silva

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

12:05PM INTENTION - Milagros Aquino
+Dolores & Pablo Bautista

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00PM INTENTION - Ferdinand Aquino
+Keith Trondson

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter,
CSP, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina
Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham,
Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui, Mian
Gancayco,



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

