

# 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.

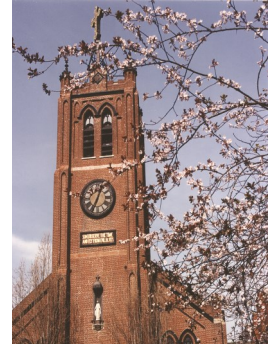


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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

## CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE DRAGON

### A Reflection by Paulist Father Joe Scott

The Chinese New Year is a memorable celebration in San Francisco and perhaps especially in our neighborhood of Chinatown. This year it begins Saturday, February 10. The dragon represents power, strength, and good fortune in the Chinese culture.

I've learned that the Chinese New Year is an early Spring festival which honors the gifts of life and family. It's often a time to visit one's parents and relatives, although many here are separated from their families by a wide ocean. It's also a time for remembering and praying for those members of one's family who have died. Here at Old St. Mary's, it's an appropriate time to honor the many Chinese parishioners and Paulist Fathers who have gone before us and left their mark.

Old St. Mary's Cathedral and the Chinese neighborhood came with the gold rush. Those seeking the gold of great price were called 49ers for the year in which they came. Old St. Mary's Cathedral was dedicated five years later, named in honor of Pope Pius IX's recent declaration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Many Chinese immigrants found work building the railroads necessary to make Horace Greeley's cry, "Go West, Young Man" a reality. They were an essential part of the building of San Francisco and California, and they endured enormous prejudice. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 marked the first time that the government of the United States officially endorsed discrimination against one and only one race of people. Its evil effects lasted well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

When the Paulist Fathers came in 1894, Old St. Mary's had been the Cathedral parish for 40 years. Prostitution had flourished in the neighborhood and Archbishop Riordan wanted a new cathedral at a quieter site. The archbishop suggested that the Paulists close old St. Mary's and take pastoral responsibility for another parish. But the Paulists wanted to stay. Fr. Henry Wyman was the pastor and in 1902 Fr. Henry Stark arrived to work with the Chinese community.

Catholics were a minority in the neighborhood. The Paulists, assisted by the sisters of St. Joseph, began a school and a family-centered ministry. The first St. Mary's school was on Stockton Street but later moved to the corner of Stockton and Clay. If you look up, you can see the cross on the roof just across from the Post Office.

Paulist Father Charles Bradley and Dr. Chu Chew Song began a Chinese language school, in which the language, geography, history and culture of China were taught. The language school has continued to this day, under the leadership of Deacon Simon and Katarina Sui.

Paulist Fathers remember with pride Fr. Don Forrester's award-winning girls' basketball team, Fr. Daniel McCotter's accomplishment of building a new school building, Fr. Charlie Donovan's ministry as preacher and mahjong player and Fr. Jim's Donovan's creation of a Chinese youth group, some of whose members still provide music for our 9 am Mass, and the drum corps, a fixture in the New Year's parade.

This Year of the Dragon reminds us of the great contribution our Chinese community has made to making Old St. Mary's a vital and faith-filled presence in Chinatown and throughout the city. Let's celebrate! Kung Hei Fat Choy!



**CELEBRATING 170 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL**

**FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 04, 2024**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS & CEREMONIAL  
TRIBUTE TO THE ANCESTORS**

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 11:00AM will be a bilingual Mass followed by a Chinese luncheon in the auditorium. All are welcome to come and join in this celebration.

**EARLY LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2024**

**The Desert Before the Glory**

With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10:00 AM Mountain Time, 9:00 AM Pacific Time

Zoom # 2024 857 4565 6768

Passcode 625288

Jesus does not begin his ministry in these Lenten Gospel scenes until after he spends time in the desert. Before the glory of his Transfiguration, Jesus must undergo a time of silence and solitude to encounter the demons that inhabit our human world. We cannot celebrate the glory of our baptism until we have dealt with our demons. Meditation is our daily desert practice.

Fr. Terry will read a short essay he wrote when he was 14 that encapsulates his Paulist vocation, but it took him 14 more years before he approached the Paulist Fathers. What took so long? We will see.



**February 14, 2024**

*“Remember you are dust  
And to dust you will return”*

**MASSES :**

**7:30AM | 11:00AM | 12:05PM | 1:00PM**

**(ASHES distributed after all Masses)**

**Word Service with distribution of ashes  
3:00PM**

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

The Order of Malta San Francisco Location is hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Dominic's Church, 2390 Bush St. on February 10, 2024 at 11:00AM. Light lunch and desserts provided by Malta FOOD Friends will follow the Mass. Questions: [cherylgurlani@gmail.com](mailto:cherylgurlani@gmail.com)

**CELEBRATE the SEASON of LENT by Putting Your  
FAITH into Action.**

Come join us for a little weeding, planting, and lots of camaraderie as we spruce up and make our programs gardens a more beautiful and restorative green space for our clients to enjoy.

**Dates:** February 16, 12-3pm at St. Joseph Family Center, San Francisco;

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm, SF Boys Home, SF

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm at Adult Day Services, SF

**For more information, contact Darlene Wilson at  
[volunteers@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:volunteers@catholiccharitiessf.org)**

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**

**Thursday, February 08, 2024 | 5:00PM**

**SUNDAY READINGS : February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**LV 13:1-2, 44-46; 1COR 10:31-11:1;**

**MARK 1: 40-45**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUu4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES (SFEC)**

**Thinking of getting married in 2024?** Take your pre-cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

**DATES: FEB. 10 | APRIL 13 | JUNE 15 | AUG. 10  
OCTOBER 19 | DECEMBER 14**

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**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK**  
**FEBRUARY 03 - 10, 2024**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 03**

5:00PM Good Health - Mabel Chan  
Prayer for All Souls

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04**

9:00AM INTENTION - Alma Bautista  
In Thanksgiving - Rachel Telles

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**  
BIRTHDAY - +Adrianus Smit

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06**

12:05PM In Thanksgiving- Marcus Chan  
+Menandro Pineda, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07**

12:05PM +Douglas Bautista  
INTENTION - Dex Carvey

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08**

12:05PM In Thanksgiving - Melvin Chan  
INTENTION - Nathan Hillman

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 09**

12:05PM INTENTION - Edna Espejon  
+Elizabeth Samoy del Rosario

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

5:00PM +Lily Belia  
+Amparo McDaniel  
INTENTIONS - Ma, Gong, Families  
& Friends

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :**

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

***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***

