

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



GUESS WHAT, WE DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT- - -

We all know a perfectionist. We may be one ourselves. Perfectionists get a lot done. But perfectionists can find it hard to feel happy. They're never satisfied. They're demanding of themselves. They're demanding of us. When perfectionists achieve an accomplishment most of us would only dream of, they can never enjoy it. They're off to the next challenge. There's no time to rest, to savor, to relish. Why would Jesus want such a fate for us? Yet we listen to Jesus preaching in Matthew's gospel, "be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect"(Matthew 5:28).

This is a puzzle, but the key to the puzzle may be found in the words "...as your heavenly Father." Jesus imagined God, in fact knew God, to be the Spirit of love without limits. In Luke's gospel, Jesus uses "overflowing" to describe this. "Overflowing" does not indicate uptight, demanding or rigid. Matthew uses the Greek word we translate "perfect" for this but perhaps Luke has the better translation when he writes down these words as "be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate"(Luke 6:36).

St. Paul famously pleaded with the Lord to remove his "thorn in the flesh", something that embarrassed him and probably made his missionary work more difficult that he wished it to be. The Lord' response to Paul is "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"(II Corinthians 12:7).

Guess what, we don't need to be perfect, because God is. If we were perfect, we wouldn't need God because we would be God. God IS perfect—perfect love, perfect grace, perfect joy.

So God can live with our mistakes, our failures, and even our sins, if we repent of them with a sincere heart. What God WILL reject is our hatred, our prejudices and our lack of compassion. These can't exist in the same place as love.

St. Francis de Sales has a good sense of what we must do with this: "Be patient with others, and above all with yourself—and always rise up bravely after a fall."

Perhaps the best translation of Jesus' instruction to his disciples, and therefore to all of us, is: "Be kind, as your heavenly Father is kind to you."

Being perfect is impossible for any of us. But being kind is something we can achieve. It just takes a little practice. Each day!



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Participate in Pope Francis's Synod at Your Parish – Take the Disciple Maker Index Survey!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in



the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has kicked-off the local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey between now and February 15. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. To take the survey for your parish, go to www.sfarch.org/synod and click on your parish. *Be sure to participate by February 15!*

**18th WALK for LIFE WEST COAST
January 22, 2022**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Archbishop Cordileone will begin the day with a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption at 9:30AM. The program starts at San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza at 12:30PM and the two-mile Walk down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza. For complete information about the Walk, visit the website at www.WalkforLifeWC.com or call 415-658-1793.

Respect Life Essay Contest

The 33rd Annual Respect Life Essay Contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in public school, private school, and home school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The theme this year is Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. Essays will be due on January 31, 2022. To participate, parents, educators and children can go to sfarch.org/essay-contest or contact prolife@sfarch.org.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(January 15 - 22, 2022)**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00PM Gift of Life - Joy Bautista
Thanksgiving - Melvin Chan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00AM Death Anniversary – Tony Cahill
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
Thanksgiving - Yat Ping Wong & Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

12:05PM Gift of Life - Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP
Gift of Life - The Phyllis Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

12:05PM †Emiliano Aquino

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

12:05PM †Felicidad Aquino
†Que Kim Kuan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

12:05PM †Gregorio Munlawn
Gift of Life - The Phyllis Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00PM Repose of Soul - +May Chung
Thanksgiving - Juliana Low

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina
Bautista, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol,

**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022**

**GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS.**

Did you make a resolution to volunteer more in 2022? Let Groceries for Seniors help you keep that goal. Groceries for Seniors is looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 –11:00AM. Groceries for Seniors team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement to create over 200 bags of nutritious food. If you have a free morning Monday-Thursday, we hope you'll consider joining us. **For more information, please email Tim Thompson at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com**



We Welcome . . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenderers
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

