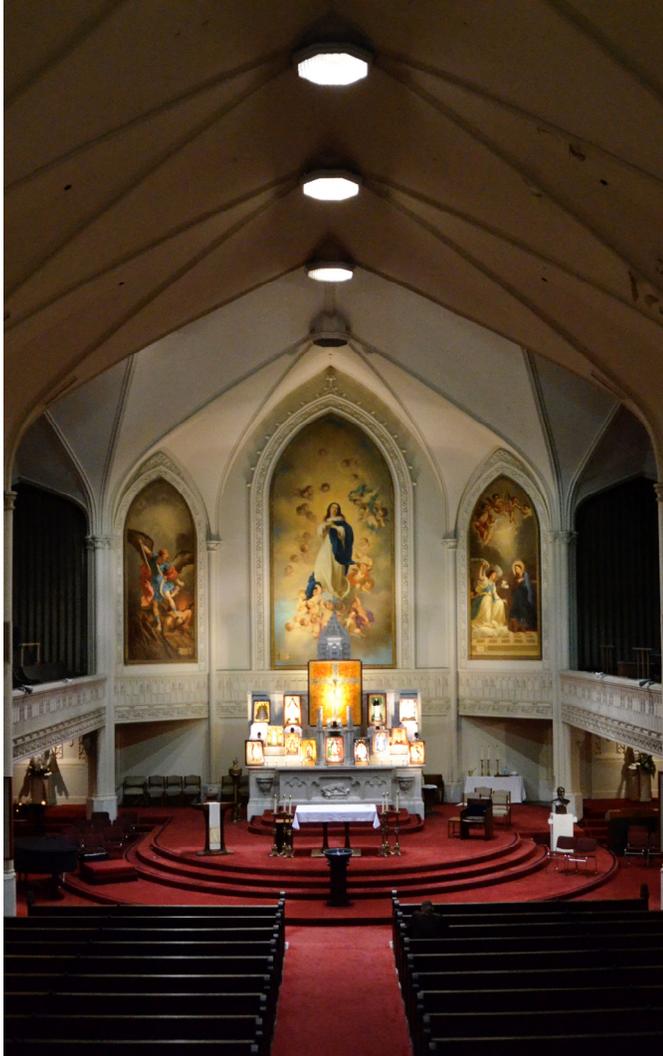


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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

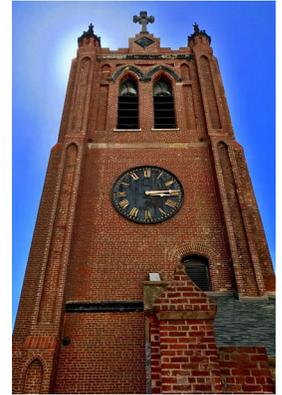


**A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS**



### 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

### 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

## CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING IN A TIME OF BAD NEWS

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



In my family, we ate turnips on Thanksgiving. It was the only time of year this vegetable appeared on our dinner table. They had a uniquely bitter taste and for my mother were hard to find in the store. 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 at every Thanksgiving, perhaps a legacy of her Irish roots. For my Dad, it just wouldn't be Thanksgiving without turnips cooked according to his Mom's recipe.

Years later, after my father 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 my mother grew older and could no longer live on her own, I would visit her at Manila Manor, where she now lived. She didn't like the food they served, but she did like the Big Macs and French fries from a nearby McDonald's.

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

ON November 28, 1963, Americans gathered to their homes to celebrate Thanksgiving. The President of the United States had been assassinated six days before, and his burial had occurred four days before the feast. It's astonishing to me now that we didn't cancel Thanksgiving.

We didn't postpone it. 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 awareness of a larger loss.

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

We would wisely pray the last words of his proclamation: "I recommend that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to 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 unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the imposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and restore it as soon as may be consistent for the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

Each November, we gather with our not too 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 have to be here. We have to be here, because we still believe God is here, even though we are so often not at all God-like. And who but God can help free us from the mess we're in?



**OUR LORED JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
November 20, 2022

**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**  
NOVEMBER 24, & 25, 2022

Church offices will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of **THANKSGIVING DAY. THERE WILL BE MASS AT 11:00 A.M. on that day!**



**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA**

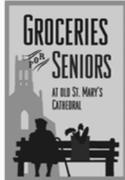
SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -  
Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318  
Passcode: 809416



**GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

NOVEMBER is often considered a month of giving, and if giving of your time is something you've pondered, why not volunteer one morning with Grocery for Seniors. Grocery 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 - 11AM. Groceries for Seniors' team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement. **If you have a free morning, please email TIM THOMPSON at [ttgroc4sen@gmail.com](mailto:ttgroc4sen@gmail.com). We will be closed Thursday, November 24th in observance of THANKSGIVING!**



**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES.**

Thinking of getting married in 2023?  
Take your pre-cana class with us.  
February 11 | April 15 | June 10  
August 12 | October 14 | December 09

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.  
Website : [www.oldsaintmarys.org](http://www.oldsaintmarys.org);  
Email: [tomtavella@paulist.org](mailto:tomtavella@paulist.org)



**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM

READINGS for SUNDAY, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
IS 2: 1-5; ROM 13: 11-14;  
MT 24: 37-44

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610  
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**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
(NOVEMBER 19 - 26, 2022)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

5:00PM +Monica, Donald, & Angela Wong  
BIRTHDAY - Leticia de Leon

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

9:00AM STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH - Pres. Joe Biden  
SPL. INTENTION - Christina & Family

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
HEALING - Joy Bautista

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

12:05PM +Martina Alberca  
HEALING - Antonio Kong, Jr.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Mars Silva  
CELEBRATION of LIFE - +Deena Kaye

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24** (Thanksgiving Day)

11:00AM THANKSGIVING - Chai Pin Leung  
HEALING - Ernesto Kong, Jr.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - John Tayag  
HEALING - Joy Bautista

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

5:00PM WEDDING ANNIV. Vener Sison  
+Tony Lau

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, John & Kitty Pangilinan