

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

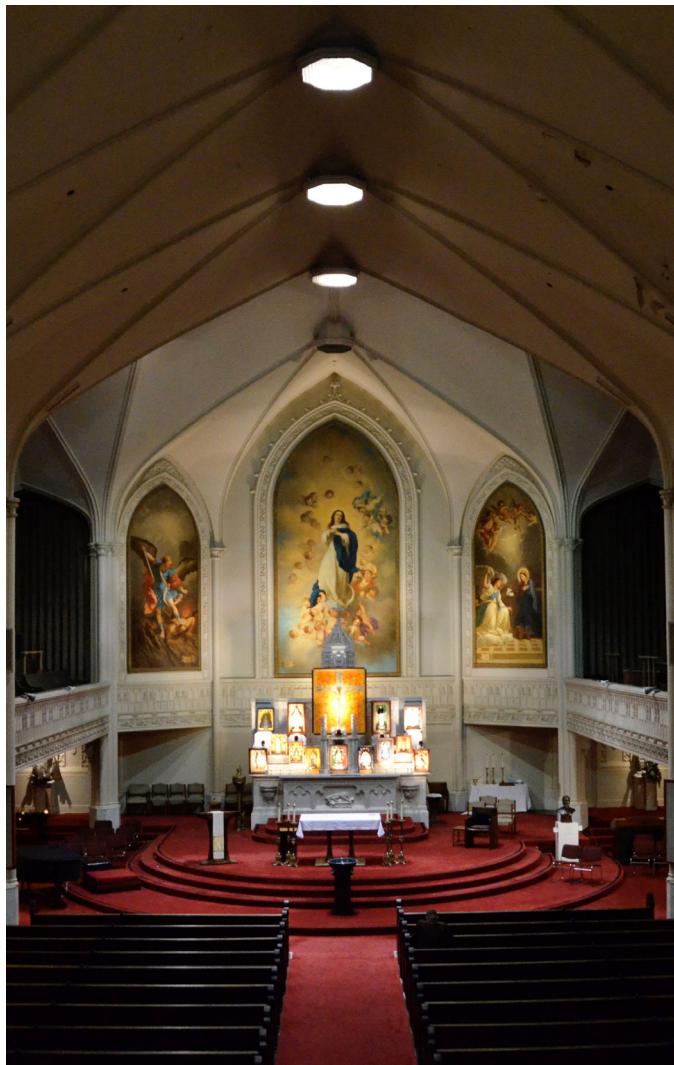
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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



PLEASURE, PAIN AND PASCHAL JOY

A REFLECTION ON EASTER BY FR. JOE SCOTT, PAULIST

Palm Sunday reminds me of the sheer pleasure of being young. Marching in parades and cheering for celebrities (especially at rock concerts) are pleasures I enjoyed when I was in my teens and 20's. The wonderful thing about being young is that our body seems fine-tuned to pleasure. We can drink nine cups of coffee and still get a good night's sleep. We can dance all night and still get to work on time. Our sexual energies are overflowing in our bodies and in our imagination. We seem to have little or no unpleasant side effects to the pleasures we enjoy.

Our spiritual challenge when we are young is to realize that our pleasures have consequences, for us and for others. The crowd cheering for Jesus didn't realize what would happen to him when their shouting stirred up the authorities. On Calvary Friday, they were nowhere to be seen.

There is nothing wrong with pleasure. It is a good, and a gift. Jesus partied so hard his enemies accused him of being a drunk and a glutton. But when we are young, our spiritual challenge to learn to temper our passions with responsibility and care so that they enliven hearts rather than break them. It's regrettable, but true, that most of us learn this painfully, from mistakes along the way. But we can still cherish the hard-won wisdom we have achieved, and learn to forgive and allow ourselves to be forgiven.

Good Friday helps me think about death and about loss. The Jesus who enjoyed a good party with his friends is crying out for thirst on the cross, with none of his friends near enough to hear him or help him. Growing older is a journey of many small losses and a few great ones. One cup of coffee taken at the wrong time will keep me awake all night. And if I decide to use that "all night long" to dance, my body will ache and groan for days. The most long lasting effect of those gloriously loud rock concerts has been a bit of deafness in my ears. These little losses can be hard to take, but they may prepare us better for the big ones. Learning how to grieve right is one of the great challenges of Good Friday, and of our later years as well.

Unacknowledged and unaccepted grief leads to depression. The most common language used for unaccepted grief among the elderly is grumpiness. This has been immortalized in the Sesame Street character Oscar the Grouch. Every time we meet a grouchy person, we confront a floodgate of un-shed tears. Grouchy people sometimes WANT us to get angry at them because feeling angry back seems easier than feeling so sad.

What grouchy people truly benefit from is our gentleness and understanding, so that in the soft place we offer them, they can begin to grieve their very real losses.

The spiritual challenge of our older years is to accept the losses small and great with patience and good humor. Jesus on the cross couldn't see through tears and blood, couldn't hear through the cheers and insults, couldn't move his hands or feet nailed to wood. The one thing he could do on the cross was pray, and his prayers were powerful. When we're older we may not be well enough to attend church, we may not hear well enough to talk with our friends over the phone, but we can still pray for our friends, and we believe those "Good Friday" prayers offered through our pain and tears have power and effect.

So what is the difference between Palm Sunday and Easter? Palm Sunday is crowds and shouts and drums and whistles. Easter is an early morning sunrise, a quiet touching of the heart. Easter turns the tears of Mary Magdalene into smiles, and transforms the hearts of the Emmaus pilgrims from discouragement to enthusiasm. Palm Sunday is pleasure, Easter is joy. Pleasure is fun but fleeting, joy lasts. We don't know the names of any of those in the Palm Sunday throng, possibly because none of them became disciples. We DO know the names of Mary Magdalene and Peter and John because their joy first changed them--and then changed others. Easter joy comes with allowing death and fear to do their worst with us, and then living our lives as though death and fear have no more importance to us.

A major aspect of the Easter stories is that risen Jesus continues to urge his disciples to share the joy with others, to spread it far and wide. Mary Magdalene is the first to do this, and it just keeps spreading. Something about joy just calls to be shared. To this day, the most effective way to keep joy in our hearts is to keep bringing joy to others, to make our own personalities a revelation of the same Jesus who appeared to the Magdalene and to Peter. Easter week, in this year of trials and disappointments, is a time to share our kindness, our thoughtfulness and our generosity with someone who truly needs it. This is always a good way to spread a little of our Easter joy!



SUPPORT the CAMPAIGN at COMMITMENT WEEKEND This WEEK at ALL MASSES

THIS WEEKEND, April 16 & 17 marks the final weekend of our *Hope for the Future Campaign*. During all Masses this weekend, we will invite those who have not yet had an opportunity to participate in the campaign to join our success. Further, we want to say thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to this important effort.

Together, we are helping secure the future of the **Paulist Fathers**. We ask anyone who has yet to make a campaign commitment to consider, pray and contribute during this week's commitment weekend. Every gift makes a difference!

If you haven't yet made a gift or pledge, you can always do so by returning your pledge envelope to the Paulist Center office or by mail, or by going online to paulist.org/future.

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA



SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)
Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513
Passcode: 003859

PAULIST PILGRIMAGES PRESENTS — IGNATIUS in ROME. June 26 to July 02, 2022

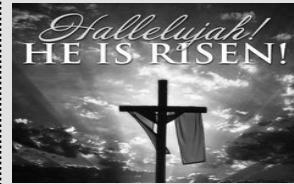
You are invited to join Frs. Julio Giulietti, SJ and Thomas A. Kane, CSP on a seven day Ignatian Pilgrimage into the heart of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome. We invite our pilgrims to engage fully in the Spiritual Exercises to deepen their relationship with Christ. Retreat conferences will focus on the spirituality of St. Ignatius and Jesuit history. This will be a small group experience, land only. For itinerary and information, visit the website www.paulistpilgrimages.org

UPCOMING MISSION APPEAL

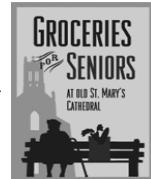
May 21 - 22, 2022 with Bro. Henry Gaither, SC

SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Thinking of getting married in 2022?
Take your pre-cana class with us. Sessions for 2022:
June 11, August 13, October 15, & December 10.
One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.
Visit our website : www.oldstmarys.org;
Email: tomtavella@paulist.org



EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD
April 17, 2022



GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. THIS APRIL, if spring has inspired you to help others, please consider volunteering with Groceries for Seniors. We are looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,000 low-income seniors each week. Monday - 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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (APRIL 16 - 23, 2022)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

5:00PM INTENTIONS - Garwai Bautista

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**9:00AM +Petronila Banning
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE**

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

**12:05PM +Soledad Quintela
PRAY for Ukraine**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

12:05PM REPOSE OF THE SOUL - +May Chung

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

12:05PM +Felisa Marasigan

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

12:05PM HEALING - Manuel B.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:00PM REPOSE OF THE SOUL - +May Chung

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Joshua Ruelas, Ronnie Vercelles, Quincy Castillo, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Luis Landa & Family, Tolentino Family