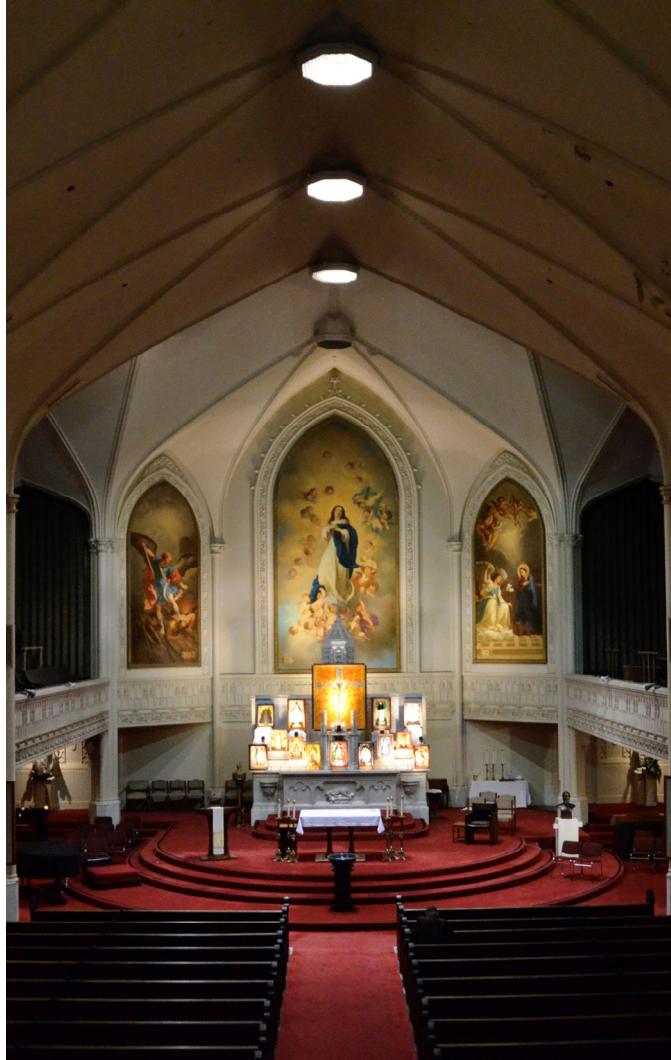


Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Everden, 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.



ALL ARE WELCOME



CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE RABBIT

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. 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 Sunday, January 22. The rabbit signifies longevity, peace and prosperity 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 49rs 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 20th 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 girl's 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 Rabbit 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!



THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
January 22, 2023

SEPTUAGESIMA TIME
Meditation, Scripture and Service
OR
GETTING READY FOR LENT
FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP

Wednesdays, February 8 and 15, 2023
2:00 PM Mountain Time | Zoom 367 360 7803
or go to stbenedictsretreathouse.com
The password is Pre-Lent

Septuagesima refers to 70 days before Lent. It is a time to get ourselves ready for the 40 days of Lent that begin this year on February 22, Ash Wednesday. As we look at the Sunday Scriptures during these Septuagesima times preceding Ash Wednesday, and meditate upon them, we see Jesus' call to conversion in the Sermon on The Mount. Meditation upon these readings may show us what we need to work on during Lent, on what needs improvement and change in our life. Why? So that we can be a better witness to the Kingdom of God and of service to one another.

INTER-FAITH WINTER SHELTER DINNER

Wednesday, February 01st, 2023, 5:00 -8:00PM
Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission, will be hosting an Interfaith Winter Shelter dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA. We will be preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to help prepare and serve, please call Tina Panelli at 415-297-9856. We hope to have at least six volunteers. Also, if you would like to donate toward the meal, we would be very grateful. Please make out your checks to Old Saint Mary's & note that it is for the Winter Shelter dinner. Thanks so much.

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA

Thursday, January 26th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, January 29, 2023

ZEPH 2:3, 3:12-13 | 1COR 1:26-31 | MT 5: 1-12

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610

Passcode: 016304



ALL ARE INVITED!

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;



**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

(JANUARY 21 - 28, 2023)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00PM Deceased Families of J. Ianucillo
+Paul & Barbara Crudo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00AM BIRTHDAY-Ma & Gong Families & Friends
Thanksgiving - Aries dela Paz
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
GOOD HEALTH - Eng Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

12:05PM DEATH ANNIV. - Jose D. Remo
THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Irene Xi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Araceli de Leon
+Josefina Chiong

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

12:05PM +Phyllis Smith
+Emma Law

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

12:05PM HEALING - Frankie Chios

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

5:00PM +Elsa Lemus
+Carol Cheung

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, 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, Christian Bocobo, Rose Haw, Frankie Chios