

# 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

### 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

Notes from the Paulist



## **CAN A CATHOLIC GIVE GOOD ADVICE ABOUT SEX? A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT**

In 1977, the Paulist Press published the book "Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought." This was the fruit of a study commissioned by the Catholic Theological Society of America and contained the considered reflections of the best Catholic moral theologians of that time.

The next year, the authorities in Rome ordered the Paulist Press to suspend the publication of this book, deciding that parts of it were not in line with Catholic tradition regarding sexuality. It was never permitted to be sold in Catholic venues again.

The result was a freeze on ANY Catholic writing or teaching on sexuality not approved by Rome. Catholic moral theologians feared that any speculative work regarding sexuality would lead to the end of their careers. Many directed their scholarly efforts to safer topics, like ecology.

Since 1977, the only Catholic teaching on sex has been in the form of Roman documents written in scholarly style and judged by many who actually took the time to read them as being legalistic and judgmental.

Pope Francis has written some helpful words on sex in his letter on family "The Joy of Love" (well worth reading!), but the sex education in many parishes ignores even the current pope's words in favor of recycles of Vatican documents written years ago and not always sensitive to the needs of young people in particular.

With the silence of Catholic voices to provide wisdom and common sense, the Church has ceded the teaching of sex to internet pornography. In addition to fostering addiction, internet pornography promotes a view of sex that is violent and abusive of women.

Many adolescent boys, if not enthralled by pornography themselves, are learning from their porn-watching peers the best way fulfill desire and gain pleasure by conquering and controlling the women they desire. In such an environment, young women must sadly fend for themselves.

If I were to have five minutes with the pope, I would urge him to encourage a new generation of moral theologians to write about sexuality honestly and without fear.

I recently ordered a copy of that old Paulist book "Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought." Amazon.com is not bound by papal prohibitions! I will say frankly that although this book is nearly fifty years old, it contains more wisdom about our sexual and moral lives than almost any recent Catholic book on the subject.

I say "almost" because there are three other books I would recommend. These three by Catholic authors deal with sex with compassion, common sense, practicality and good humor:

1. "Wisdom of the Body" Making Sense of Our Sexuality" by Evelyn and James Whitehead." (Crossroad Publishing, 2001)
2. "Morality and Its Beyond" by Dick Westley(John XXXIII Publications,1985)
3. "Freedom, Glorious Freedom: The Spiritual Journey to the Fullness of Life for Gays, Lesbians, and Everybody Else , by John J. McNeill (Beacon Press, 1995).

I don't think you can find any of these in a bookstore, but I usually have success online!

Perhaps you have a book or a piece of wisdom that has been helpful to you in living a healthy and happy sexuality. If so, let me know!



Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission  
**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)**  
 Campaign Goal : \$32,078.  
 Received so far : \$ 8,278.  
 Needed to reach our goal : \$ 23,800.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
September 11, 2022

**FALL CHANGES FOR SOULNAUTS**

With FR. TERY RYAN, CSP

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022,  
2:00 PM MOUNTAIN TIME  
ON ZOOM 367 360 7803

or go to [snowmassbookstore.com](http://snowmassbookstore.com)

Like the Fall, as we *Soulonauts* move into deeper and darker inner space, we find changes in practice and experience. We become more familiar with the journey. As green trees change colors, so our sense of "silence" and "solitude" changes from what we knew, or thought we knew. The way we appear to others changes from our insides in ways that we might not even notice. But our neighbor will notice. A Fall spiritual cleansing is taking place. Let us fly along into the depths.

**Religious Vocation Retreat for Young Adult Women with the Daughters of Charity**

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about? Come and See! The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the Bay Area September 30 - October 2, 2022. For Single Catholic Women ages 18 - 40. FOR DETAILS: please contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890, (213) 210-9903. Email: [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org); Website: [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com)

**RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST IS HERE!**

The Respect Life Essay Contest is an annual event for students in grades K-12 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, with grade-appropriate prompts around a specific theme each year. All students that live and/or attend school in the Archdiocese can participate, including those in Catholic school, public school, and home school. The 2023 contest is now open. For information to participate visit [sfarch.org/essay-contest/](http://sfarch.org/essay-contest/)

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends**

Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Liu, Landa & Rojas Families, Xandy Alicante, Marzan Family

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

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



BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
Thursday, September 15 | 5:00PM

READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPT. 18  
AM 8: 4-7; 1TM 2: 1-8  
LUKE 16: 1-13; OR 16: 10-13

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610  
Passcode: 016304



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS  
(SEPTEMBER 10 - 17, 2022)



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

5:00PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Jose M. Aquino  
GOOD HEALTH - Regina Bautista

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00AM THANKSGIVING - Carol Watkins  
PRAYER for World Peace

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
HEALING & REVOCERY - John Kelpy

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

12:05PM +June Rachel Tayag  
HEALING - Regina Bautista

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

12:05PM SPL. INTENTION - Carmen Maneja  
WITH SYMPATHY- +David "Mike" Lee

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

12:05PM SPL. INTENTION - Josephine Aquino  
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Dante Brunetti

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

12:05PM +Rosalia Bautista  
THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

5:00PM GOOD HEALTH - Regina Bautista  
THANKSGIVING - Uncle & Aunt of Francis Wong