

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

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

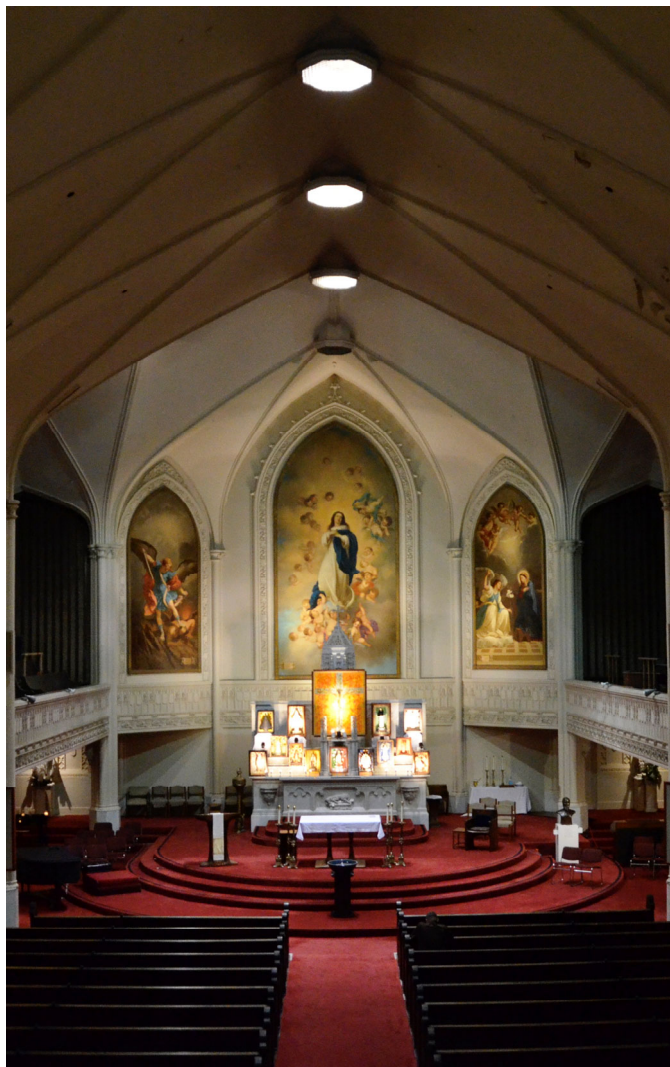
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP

Parish Receptionist: Pia Lim

Admin. & Adult Faith Formation: Rachael Smit

OFFICE HOURS

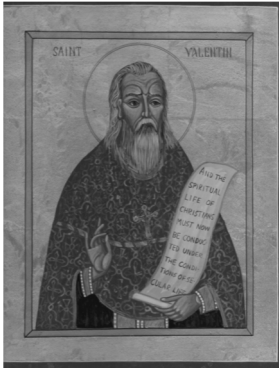
Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

For more information on the sacraments call the parish office at 415-288-3800.



ALL ARE WELCOME

WHY ARE WE SO EMBARRASSED BY ST. VALENTINE? A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



When I was a child, the feast of St. Valentine on February 14 was one of my favorites. No surprise—I loved candy! What other feast day provided an unending supply of chocolates and heart shaped sugary messages? It was also true that St. Valentine was one of the few saints we heard about and honored not only in my Catholic parish but also at my public elementary school. What was there not to like?

I was 13 years old, in 1959, when St. John XXIII announced that St Valentine had been dropped from the church's calendar. Pope John did many wonderful things, but this was not one of them. The reason he offered for Valentine's demotion was that there was not enough evidence to prove the existence of the saintly Valentine in history. Pope John, a truly good and wise man, should have realized that the **STORY** is what truly counts when it comes to saints. And St. Valentine has a great story. It tells of a priest who joined couples in Christian marriage even when such ceremonies were forbidden in pagan Rome. After one such wedding, Valentine was imprisoned and beheaded by the Emperor Claudius II. It's a happy coincidence that the color red evokes the romance of roses as well as the blood of martyrs.

Those of you who have been to Mass on February 14 have discovered that the saints of the day are now Cyril and Methodius. These two were admirable missionaries to the Slavic peoples but neither inspires thoughts of love and romance. We Catholics find ourselves in the awkward position of liturgically ignoring one of the few saints the entire secular world celebrates with enthusiasm!

I suspect that a lot of our de-haloing of St. Valentine has not much to do with his historical reality and a lot to do with our historic Roman Catholic discomfort with love, romance, and especially sexuality (yes, even with married sexuality!). In our Eucharistic Prayers we have Prefaces for saints who are virgins. Why is it not surprising that there are no Prefaces for saints who are husbands or wives or mothers or fathers? Even Mary and Joseph are honored in the liturgy chiefly for their virginity.

Do we believe that no spouse or parent has ever been worthy of sainthood? Most of us could without effort find wonderful examples of such if we searched among our own family or friends and neighbors. Why don't we, as a church, recognize and honor their special form of selfless love and holiness much more than we do?

St. Valentine represents that part of our Catholic church that invented Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter and Marriage Preparation classes such as those offered monthly (now by zoom) from Old St. Mary's. And yes, Catholic dating services like "Catholic Match!" Newman Centers and University parishes long ago discovered that along with the classes in Catholic faith and opportunities to pray the Rosary, it's not such a bad idea to offer a dance now and again.

The fate of St. Valentine might remind us of what happened to "The Song of Songs." This Old Testament book describes the joys of passionate love between two human beings. Although it is understandably a popular choice of couples preparing their wedding Mass, this scripture almost never appears in the Sunday or daily liturgies. It may well be the least quoted book in our Bible.

When Scripture scholars do admit to the existence of the "Song of Songs," they try to pretend that it is solely an allegory of God-focused mysticism, although the words clearly describe the earthly and earthy reality of a flesh and blood human couple delighting in one another.

"St. Valentine's Day" can focus our eyes and hearts upon the desire of human beings to connect with one another, to become partners, to create families—and, in the midst of for better and for worse, to delight in the joy and the sheer fun that can come in loving and being loved.

This year February 14 falls on a Tuesday. Enjoy this day and be sure to pay St. Valentine the honor and attention he deserves!

SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
February 12, 2023



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

*"Remember, you are dust
and to dust you will return"*

Masses at 7:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:05PM
(Ashes distributed after all Masses)

Word Service with distribution of ashes
3:00 PM

SEPTUAGESIMA TIME

Meditation, Scripture and Service

OR GETTING READY FOR LENT

FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

2:00 PM Mountain Time | Zoom 367 360 7803

Password : Pre-Lent

or go to stbenedictsretreathouse.com

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.

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, February 16th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, February 19, 2023
LV 19: 1-2, 17-18 | 1COR 3: 16-23 | MT 5: 38-48

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

ALL ARE INVITED!



Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$46,762.

The theme for this year's Annual Appeal is

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path."*

Your GIFT makes a real difference!

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



FEBRUARY 11 - 18, 2023

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00PM INTENTIONS - Marilyn Aquino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00AM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Deena Kaye
HEALING for Pearl Joe's Friend

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING for Ann Koo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

12:05PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family
+Alphonse Chan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Vicky Villanueva

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:05PM +Janet Hawkins

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino
BIRTHDAY - Rodel Cruz

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, Frankie Chios, Alphonse Chan