

# 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.

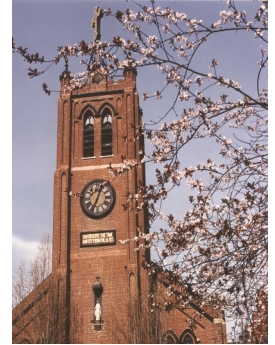


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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.



# WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## FIVE REASONS WHY FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS MY FAVORITE SAINT

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

A popular bumper sticker a few years back asked: "what would Jesus do?"

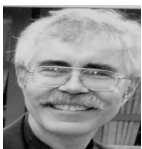
It's a good question to ponder whenever we're faced with a decision or difficulty. It's not always an easy question to answer! An advantage of having saints is that they give us at least a thousand human attempts to live like Jesus. Even the strange or cranky saints—yes, such ones have walked the earth—have something to teach us.

But I suspect most of us have a favorite saint or two. Mine is St. Francis of Assisi. I'm not sure I could live exactly as he did, but I keep returning to him in prayer as a wise guide for my spirit.

**Here are five reasons why:**

1. He shows me that money and material possessions will not bring me joy. What brought Francis's joy? People and nature. Francis made friends with men like Brother Leo and Brother Juniper and women like St. Claire and Lady Jacoba (whom Francis called "Brother"). I imagine that men and women followed Francis for the same reason men and women of a different time followed Jesus: he made them feel fully alive.
2. He kissed a leper. I don't want to do this! But Pope Francis, early in his years as bishop of Rome, followed his namesake's example by embracing and kissing a horribly disfigured man. I imagine that Pope Francis didn't want to do this either. But he didn't stop to think about it. His heart melded with that other Francis and let the love flow beyond fear.
3. He saw all creation as his brother and sister. Too many people think of nature as something to exploit for financial gain, preferably from a distance. But physicians today are explaining that spending time each day in nature, even as little as tending a plant or walking through a garden, is a blessing for our mental AND physical health. Francis appreciated the Divine gift that was nature and never took it for granted.
4. He invented the Christmas manger scene. When I visited Rome, and much later when I spent a month in Mexico, I was enthralled by the creches and Nacimiento that graced nearly every church, all year long. In small, poor towns the Christ child lives at the center of a miniature world, within all its activity and persistent pain and frail hope. Manger scenes provide our most vivid image of the mystery of the Incarnation. St. Francis started all that, on a hillside outside the Italian village of Greccio, with live animals to boot!
5. He showed us that peace is holier than war. In Francis' day Pope Innocent III, a living enthronement of earthly power and splendor, launched a Holy War to seize back the Holy Land from the Muslims. While the mighty Christian crusaders marched toward Jerusalem on horseback, Francis traveled on sandals with single friend. He sent a message to the Sultan asking permission to visit, not knowing whether this would lead to his own martyrdom. Instead, the curious Sultan invited Francis for a visit. We don't know exactly what they talked about. Did Francis interest the Sultan in Jesus? Did the Sultan talk to this Christian Friar about Islam? We do know this: in the centuries during which Muslims ruled over the Holy Land, Franciscans were the only priests permitted to establish churches there.

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. He is, of course, the patron saint of San Francisco! Who is your favorite saint? And why?



*Paulist Fr. Joe Scott*

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)**

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.  
Payments Received : \$ 14,867. (as of 10/10)  
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 31,895.



After 16 years with OSM, Pia Lim, our receptionist will be retiring at the end of this year, 2023.

The RECEPTIONIST supports the goal of ensuring efficient operation of the Parish Office and maintains an attitude of flexibility. Provide a welcoming presence for anyone who contacts the office, either in person or by phone. Support the pastoral staff through the proficient use of secretarial and administrative skills.

If interested, please contact Fr. John Ardis at 415-288-3804 or email resume to [johnardis@paulist.org](mailto:johnardis@paulist.org).

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, October 19, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, October 22, 2023  
IS 45: 1,4-6; 1THES 1:1-5a, MT 22: 15-21

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610  
Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**NOONTIME CONCERTS San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break LIVE!** Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's at 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit [www.noontimeconcerts.org](http://www.noontimeconcerts.org), or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, (415) 637-6409.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Special Collection**

**October 21 & 22, 2023**



**NEXT WEEKEND**, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move."**

As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank You!

**TOGETHER in HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

Married and engaged couples are invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Together in Holiness marriage conference on October 21, 2023 from 10:45AM – 6:00PM at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. **Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare.** This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. **Website : [togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco](http://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco). EMAIL : [sydney@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sydney@forlifeandfamily.org)**



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**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR with Fr. Tom Tavella will soon Return! Stay Tuned!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**OCTOBER 14–21, 2023**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00PM +Pablo Ong  
BIRTHDAY - Aubrie Silva  
+Pierre Becquet

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

9:00AM HEALING - Francis & Irene Wong  
IN MEMORY Of +Anthony Lee

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE  
+Peter Chan  
IN MEMORY Of +Helen Lee

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

12:05PM INTENTION - Francis Baker  
INTENTION - Francis Limjoco, Jr.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

12:05PM HEALING - Francis Wong  
+Sadie Raine Loza

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**

12:05PM HEALING - Francis & Irene Wong  
+Rita Price

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Austin Silva  
IN MEMORY Of +Anthony Lee

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

5:00PM INTENTION - Emilio Ortiga  
+Luciana Odulio San Vicente

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,  
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Cat & Regi-  
na Bautista, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina  
Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham,  
Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan, Frankie  
Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui, Mian Gancayco,  
Francis & Irene, Verceles Family, Celina & Angie



***We Welcome . .***

*People of All Faiths & All Races  
People of Diverse Cultures  
Divorced or Separated Persons  
Families with Children  
Gays & Lesbians  
Homeless Persons  
Loving Relationships  
Married Couples  
Single Persons  
Those in Recovery  
Travelers: Far and Near  
Widows & Widowers  
Visitors*

***We Seek . . .***

*To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
To Gather the Community and tell the Story  
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

***We Celebrate...***

*Diversity  
A Spirit of Hospitality  
The Unity that God Wills  
Enlightening Those who Seek God  
Forming Small Faith Communities  
Reaching Out to Alienated Catholics  
Reverencing the Dignity of Each Person  
Caring for the Needs of the Less Fortunate  
Empowering Christians to Realize their Call  
Providing an Oasis in the Financial District  
Honoring Understanding among All Faiths  
Nurturing our Gifts and Sharing Them  
Supporting the Arts through Concerts  
Pursuing New Ways to Serve  
Being a Good Neighbor*

***We Treasure our Past***

***We Hope in the Future***

