# 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 : 12:05PMSaturday: 5:00PM Vigil MassSacrament of Reconciliation - (by appointment only)Sunday :9:00AM11:00AM - 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

## DO WE CATHOLICS HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR??



### A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER. JOE SCOTT

I recently saw on television a story about the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" not able to visit Dodger

Stadium. The original invitation to the "Sisters" had been withdrawn due to Catholic protests. Some Catholics have judged the "Sisters" as offensive to our faith. Now the Dodgers have re-welcomed them to their stadium.

To the best of my knowledge, I've never met any of the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" or witnessed their act. The television news also pointed out the good works that they do, and their care for people with AIDS. Whatever the "Sisters'" story, I do wonder if we Catholics can be too protective of our faith, as well as stingy with our sense of humor. Do we have to be so serious—and so angry?

Some years ago, I was fond of a television program called "Nothing Sacred". It was a situation comedy, and the situation was the day to day lives of the priests and nuns of a poor parish in New York City. I watched it every week and can still remember vividly some of its stories. The show had a priest advisor, and I was amazed at how much about the Church this show got right. The priests were human and fallible but generally faithful and loving, as priests should be. Sadly, to me, the show was pulled from the air after just a handful of episodes. The word was that a small but evidently influential group of Catholics had "Nothing Sacred" removed from our view. It has never returned.

I've noticed that the musical comedy "The Book of Mormon" is coming to the Orpheum Theatre. I haven't seen this play either, but I've been impressed by the way in which the Mormon Church has responded to it. I'm sure many Mormons aren't thrilled about the musical, but I haven't seen any screaming protests in the streets. So far as I can tell, they've greeted this event with a dignified silence. I admire them for that!

In my years as a priest, I've met many real-life Catholic nuns, and what has always impressed me about our Catholic Sisters is that they are fun to be with. Most have terrific senses of humor, much nicer than the stories we CATHOLICS tell about them from our distant school days! Sisters today live their lives with the utmost simplicity, and work unceasingly on behalf of the poor, prisoners and immigrants to our shores. They are our best advertisement. And I wonder if at least some of our Catholic Sisters just might discover in the service-minded members of the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" a few kindred spirits!

In my experience, we American Catholics get treated pretty good by the general public. I've met Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus, and indeed, Mormons, and I've always been gratified at how well I'm received as a Catholic priest. The news media, in its coverage of the sexual abuse committed by so many clergy, has done us an enormous favor by forcing an honesty and truthfulness from us that we wouldn't have come to on our own. Seeing ourselves as persecuted victims, when we're truly not, does no good to spirit of our Catholic faith community, nor to our sense of humor!

Suppose the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" came to YOUR Catholic Church to put on a performance? Would you respond with outrage? Or would you be tempted to sneak a chuckle or two?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

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#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, JULY 09, 2023

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Parish Ministry & Schools = 25%	Universal Church & Communications $= 19\%$	Campaign Go Payments Re Less Paymen
Social Ministry = 24%	Clergy Support = 32%	

Old St. Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission <u>AAA 2023</u>

 Campaign Goal
 : \$ 46,762.

 Payments Received
 : \$ 11,689. (as of 7/05)

 Less Payments Received
 : \$ 35,074.

**THANK YOU** for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.

# Contraction of ANGELS MASTER CHORALE MINI-CONCERT!

ON SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 11:00AM Mass, the City of Angels Master Chorale (www.coacc.net) will present a FREE mini-concert entitled - -**"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." ALL Are WELCOME!** 

# BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA

Thursday, July 13, 5:00PM



### READINGS for SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 ZEC 9: 9-10 ROMANS 8:9, 11-13 MATTHEW 11: 25-30

JOIN ZOOM MEETING :

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd-SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09 Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610 : Passcode: 016304

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## SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES

Thinking of getting married in 2023? Take your pre-cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM. Dates: August 12, October 14, Dec. 09.

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	Mass Intentions For The Week
	( JULY 08 - 15, 2023 )
<u>SATURD</u>	AY, JULY 08
5:00PM	DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Levy Tinio IN MEMORY OF +Shirley Lo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<u>, JULY 09</u>
9:00AM	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS - Bernadette Aquino +Shirley Lo
11:00AM	FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo
TUESDA	Y, JULY 11 (St. Benedict, Abbot)
12:05PM	THANKSGIVING OFFERING - Catalina Bautista +Ignatius Jess Yuan
WEDNES	SDAY, JULY 12
12:05PM	FOR HEALING - Erlinda Uy Cheng
<u>THURSD</u>	AY, JULY 13 (St. Henry)
12:05PM	FOR HEALING - Rolando & Armando Uy
FRIDAY,	<b>, JULY 14</b> (St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin)
12:05PM -	+Rita Solari
<u>SATURE</u>	DAY, JULY 15 (St. Bonaventure)
(Bishop &	Doctor of the Church)
5:00PM	FOR the SOULS in PURGATORY
	Prayers for our Sick Parishioners,
1.113	Loved Ones, & Friends -

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Catalina & Regina Bautista, Ida & Carolyn Hom, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham, Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan 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*

