

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.

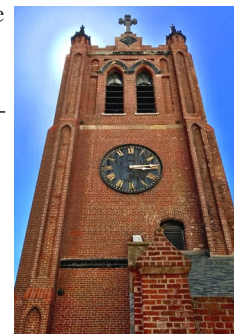


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

PLEASURE, PAIN AND PASCHAL JOY

A REFLECTION ON HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



Palm Sunday reminds me of the sheer pleasure of being young. Marching in parades and cheering for celebrities (especially at rock concerts) are pleasures I enjoyed when I was in my teens and twenties. The wonderful thing about being young is that our body seems fine-tuned to pleasure. We can drink nine cups of coffee and still get a good night's sleep. We can dance all night and still get to work on time. Our sexual energies are overflowing in our bodies and in our imagination. We seem to have little or no unpleasant side effects to the pleasures we enjoy.

Our spiritual challenge when we are young is to realize that our pleasures have consequences, for us and for others. The crowd cheering for Jesus didn't realize what would happen to him when their shouting stirred up the authorities. On Calvary Friday, they were nowhere to be seen.

There is nothing wrong with pleasure. It's a good, and a gift. Jesus partied so hard his enemies accused him of being a drunk and a glutton. But when we are young, our spiritual challenge is to learn how to temper our passions with responsibility and care, so that they enliven hearts rather than break them. It's regrettable, but true, that most of us learn this painfully, from mistakes along the way. But we can still cherish the hard-won wisdom we have achieved and learn to forgive and allow ourselves to be forgiven.

Good Friday helps me think about death and about loss. The Jesus who enjoyed a good party with his friends is crying out for thirst on the cross, with none of his friends near enough to hear him or help him. Growing older is a journey of many small losses and a few great ones. One cup of coffee taken at the wrong time will keep me awake all night. And if I decide to use that "all night long" to dance, my body will ache and groan for days. The most long-lasting effect of those gloriously loud rock concerts has been a bit of deafness in my ears. These little losses can be hard to take, but they may prepare us better for the big ones. Learning how to grieve right is one of the great challenges of Good Friday, and of our later years as well.

Unacknowledged and unaccepted grief leads to depression. The most common language used for unaccepted grief among the elderly is grumpiness. This has been immortalized in the Sesame Street character Oscar the Grouch. Every time we meet a grouchy person, we confront a floodgate of un-shed tears. Grouchy people sometimes WANT us to get angry at them because feeling angry back seems easier than feeling so sad. What grouchy people truly benefit from is our gentleness and understanding, so that in the soft place we offer them, they gain space to begin to grieve their very real losses.

The spiritual challenge of our older years is to accept the losses small and great with patience and good humor. Jesus on the cross couldn't see through tears and blood, couldn't hear through the cheers and insults, couldn't move his hands or feet nailed to wood. The one thing he could do on the cross was pray, and his prayers were powerful. When we're older, we may not be well enough to attend church, we may not hear well enough to talk with our friends over the phone, but we can still pray for our friends, and we believe those "Good Friday" prayers offered through our pain and tears have power and effect.

So--what is the difference between Palm Sunday and Easter? Palm Sunday is crowds and shouts and drums and whistles. Easter is an early morning sunrise, a quiet touching of the heart. Easter turns the tears of Mary Magdalene into smiles and transforms the hearts of the Emmaus pilgrims from discouragement to enthusiasm. Palm Sunday is pleasure, Easter is joy. Pleasure is fun but fleeting, joy lasts. We don't know the names of any of those cheering and dancing in the Palm Sunday throng, possibly because none of them became disciples. We DO know the names of Mary Magdalene and Peter and John because their joy first changed them--and then changed others. Easter joy comes with allowing death and fear to do their worst with us, and then living our lives as though death and fear have no more importance to us.

A major aspect of the Easter stories is that the risen Christ continues to urge his disciples to share the joy with others, to spread it far and wide. Mary Magdalene is the first to do this, and it just keeps spreading. Something about joy just calls to be shared. To this day, the most effective way to keep joy in our hearts is to keep bringing joy to others, to make our own personalities a revelation of the same Jesus who appeared to the Magdalene and to Peter. Easter week, in this year of trials and disappointments, is a time to share our kindness, our thoughtfulness and our generosity with someone who truly needs it. This is always a good way to recover from our Palm Sundays and Good Fridays, and begin to spread a little of our Easter joy!

CELEBRATING 169 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD
April 02, 2023**

HOLY WEEK CHURCH HOURS - -

Holy Thursday, April 06 | 3:00PM - 9:00PM
Good Friday, April 07 | 2:00PM - 8:00PM
Holy Saturday, April 08 | 10:00AM - 4:00PM

**Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)**

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 1,726.
Less Payments Received : \$ 45,036.

EASTER NOVENA CARDS

CARDS are available in the back of the church and in the church office for a Novena of Masses to be offered after Easter for the Living and Deceased. Please fill out the enclosed paper with the name of those to be remembered.

EASTER FLOWERS

Help us decorate the church for Easter, at the same time honor or memorialize a loved one. If you wish to make a contribution for Easter Flowers, envelopes in the back of the church are available for this purpose.
THANK YOU!

REFLECTIONS ON THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00AM Mountain Time
Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
14th Street & Mapleton Ave.
Boulder, Colorado 80304
In-Person and on Zoom 367 360 7803
Password: Boulder

Or stbenedictsretreathouse.com

It is the Easter Season. Christians celebrate that Jesus Christ is Risen., In the power of the Holy Spirit he reveals what it is to be fully alive over against rejection, prejudice, selfishness and a human condition that rejects Life fully lived in this Spirit. How can the contemplative life of prayer and daily living help us to access this same Spirit that is alive within us? Refreshments will be provided, hopefully. There is no charge but donations are welcome. There will be an opportunity for group silent meditation at the end of the presentation. For more information call 303-442-6158.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, April 06, 5:00PM**

READINGS : Sunday, April 09, 2023
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20: 1-9

Join ZOOM Meeting :

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ALL ARE INVITED!

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 

(April 01 - 08, 2023)

SATURDAY, APRIL 01

**5:00PM +IN MEMORY OF Mr. & Mrs. Law
For All Souls Mass Offering**

SUNDAY, APRIL 02

**9:00AM IN MEMORY of +Helen Lee
IN MEMORY of The Choy Family**

**11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
IN MEMORY of +Helen Lee**

TUESDAY, APRIL 04

12:05PM +Rosalina Ejerta-Komenez

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05

12:05PM IN MEMORY of Fred KW Young

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 06

**6:00PM +Mary Kelley, Sr. & Jr.
+Dorothy Kelley & Family**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07

**3:00PM MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY
6:00PM HEALING - Miguel Andolong (very ill)**

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 08

NO MASS

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP
Milt Commons, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina
Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Christian Bocobo,
Frankie Chios, Miguel Andolong

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
APRIL 1ST & 2ND**

Passion (PALM) Sunday

5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass)

9:00 AM Mass

**11:00 AM (Bilingual Mass - -
English / Cantonese)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 04

12:05 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05

12:05 PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 06

6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07

(Passion of the Lord)

3:00 PM In English

6:00 PM In Cantonese

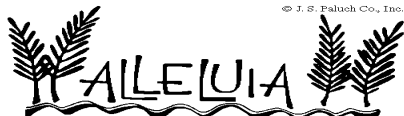
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 08

No Mass this day

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09

9:00 AM Mass

**11:00 AM Bilingual Mass - -
(English & Cantonese)**



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 Will
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

