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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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, 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



Was Jesus a Catholic? A Reflection on the Feast of the Circumcision.

Before the Second Vatican Council, January 1 was the feast of the circumcision of Jesus. Leaders of the church have always felt a little uncomfortable with this holy day because of its association with the male organ of reproduction and passion. There seemed to be something immodest about this, but what made it okay was that all the Mass was in Latin, which most Catholics did not understand.

When the Mass began to be celebrated in one's native tongue, however, dealing with that word "circumcision" became a challenge every Catholic preacher had to face. The Church responded by dropping this feast from the church calendar, a rare occurrence. What we celebrated on New Year's Day became at first the Octave of Christmas, then later the Mass for World Peace, then in more recent years the feast of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

This meant that priests could preach on January 1 without ever mentioning the circumcision of Jesus. Ironically, whatever the title the church chose for this feast, the gospel remained exactly the same, "when eight days were completed for his circumcision." Circumcision tells us that Jesus was a Jew. It also indicates that he was an observant Jew, following the law of Moses from his birth until his death. Circumcision was the first and foremost sign of faithfulness to the covenant of Moses.

As the years went on, Christians came to have so little contact with Jews except as the enemy, the despised "other", that most Christians began to regard Jesus as a Christian, while Catholics saw him as a Catholic.

When Michelangelo created his nude sculpture of David, he portrayed the first great King of the Jews as uncircumcised. In truth, none of the art students passing through the Piazza of Florence would have seen what Michelangelo had done as anything out of the ordinary.

The Catholic scripture scholar Raymond Brown believed that the loss of the feast of Jesus' Circumcision has been a missed opportunity for the Church to build bridges with the Jewish community.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, lived and died as active, faithful Jews. Jesus learned about his loving God from the instructions he received at home and in the synagogue in Nazareth.

How can we grow in our own understanding of Jesus' faith? Jewish Scripture professor Amy-Jill Levine has written a book called "The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus." I've found it very helpful to me, and I recommend it to you.

Probably the best way to learn more is to spend time with our Jewish friends, neighbors and co-workers. When we seek friends with those who are not totally the same as us, our experience and our imagination, not to mention our vocabulary, will grow immensely.

We might also consider visiting a synagogue service on a Jewish holy day. The Day of Atonement is a good one, because we all experience the human reality of sinfulness and our desire to be forgiven by God and by those we have hurt by our selfishness. You won't need an invitation, but you might ask a Jewish friend to come with you, and talk together about the experience afterwards.

So now we begin a new year--may it be a time of helpful challenges, faithful service and life-filled blessings!



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

PARTICIPATE in POPE FRANCIS's SYNOD

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. More details are available through the Archdiocesan website at - - -

www.sfarch.org/synod

**18th WALK for LIFE WEST COAST
January 22, 2022**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Archbishop Cordileone will begin the day with a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption at 9:30AM. The program starts at San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza at 12:30PM and the two-mile Walk down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza. For complete information about the Walk, visit the website at www.WalkforLifeWC.com or call 415-658-1793.

Respect Life Essay Contest

The 33rd Annual Respect Life Essay Contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in public school, private school, and home school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The theme this year is Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. Essays will be due on January 31, 2022. To participate, parents, educators and children can go to sfarch.org/essay-contest or contact prolife@sfarch.org.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(January 08 - 15, 2022)**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 08

12:05PM † Lourdes Pandi
5:00PM BIRTHDAY - Larry Ma

SUNDAY, JANUARY 09

9:00AM REPOSE of the SOUL - † May Chung
† Santos Quintela
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
THANKSGIVING - Yat Ping Wong & Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

12:05PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
† Melanie Aquino

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:05PM † Helen Villagrancia
† GIFT OF LIFE - Phyllis Smith & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

12:05PM † Jose Pedro Venida
† Constanca Pasia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

12:05PM † REPOSED SOUL - † May Chung

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

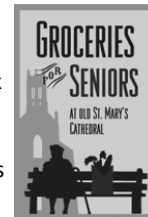
5:00PM † GIFT OF LIFE - Joy Bautista

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Tina & Bob Panelli

**THE BAPTISM of the LORD
JANUARY 09, 2022**

GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Did you make a resolution to volunteer more in 2022? Let Groceries for Seniors help you keep that goal. Groceries for Seniors is looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 – 11:00AM. Groceries for Seniors team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement to create over 200 bags of nutritious food. If you have a free morning Monday-Thursday, we hope you'll consider joining us. **For more information, please email Tim Thompson at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com**



We Welcome . . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders
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

