

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



A SAINT OF COMMON SENSE, GOOD HUMOR AND KINDNESS: FRANCIS DE SALES

There's a test I perform when trying to measure the helpfulness for me of any saint found on the Church calendar. It has nothing to do with miracles. I ask myself "would I enjoy sitting down for a cup of coffee with him or her?" It's my way of saying: do I feel "at home"? Or more deeply, is this a kind of holiness I would trust my life with?

For me, ST. FRANCIS de SALES would top the list. Listening to his voice over a cup of coffee would be a lot like reading one of his books. Simple, unpretentious, relevant and to the point.

FRANCIS de SALES was a young priest who was appointed the bishop of Geneva in 1602. He worked there until he died twenty years later. Geneva was a diocese without a Catholic. It was Calvinist territory. All the Catholics had fled to Italy or had gone underground. Francis' mission was to find them and assure them that in his pastoral care God and the Church were present.

How did FRANCIS meet people who were most likely not even there? For one thing, he founded a Catholic magazine to spread the word. This was one of the reasons Fr. Hecker selected St. Francis de Sales as one of the patrons of the Paulist Fathers. I have no doubt that today Francis would be using all of the latest and most effective media.

ST. FRANCIS was pastor of moderation and balance at a time when both the Catholic and Protestant believed that they were contending with enemies, heretics punishable by death. The Reformation was less than a hundred years old, and feelings about it had the intensity of a major family quarrel.

FRANCIS de SALES was different. He tried persuasion where it would have an effect, and patience when persuasion produced no immediate effect. He chose friendship as a more Christ-like tool than enemy-ship.

FRANCIS' gentle pastoral approach ensured that he would remain forever in his Catholic-less diocese. No chance to become a cardinal or pope. He gives us a great model of a man who had his priorities straight.

The next best thing to sitting down for coffee with ST. FRANCIS de SALES is exploring his book "An Introduction to the Devout Life." I confess, I approached this book with suspicion. I told myself that the 17th century is not the 21st, and ST. FRANCIS de SALES is not me. But I discovered that this book is the genuine article.

Is FRANCIS "Introduction to a Devout Life" worth reading? I offer you a sample, so you can judge for yourself....

1. Never be in a hurry: do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not use your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if our whole world seems upset.
2. Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.
3. Be who you are and be that well.
4. When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.
5. Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Participate in Pope Francis's Synod at Your Parish – Take the Disciple Maker Index Survey!

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 has kicked-off the local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey between now and February 15. 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. To take the survey for your parish, go to www.sfarch.org/synod and click on your parish.



Be sure to participate by February 15!

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

If you would like a Statement of your Donations to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2021, please call Pia Lim at (415) 288. 3800.

ROSARY WEBINAR Against HUMAN TRAFFICKING For the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita February 8, 2022, 6:30PM

Join us to pray the Rosary on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, which is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Questions? Contact prolife@sfarch.org. Register at ... sfarch.org/event/bakhita2022

INTERFAITH WINTER SHELTER will prepare meals for the homeless to be served at Trinity + St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1620 Gough St. San Francisco, CA, **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2022.**
VOLUNTEERS are needed to prepare the meals at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral. For more information, please contact Ms. Anita Mendoza at 415. 771. 0648.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (January 29 - February 05, 2022)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00PM Reposed Soul of +May Chung
Thanksgiving - Marcus Chan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00AM Gift of Life - The Smith Family
Reposed Soul of +Harry Yee
11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**
Thanksgiving - Yat Ping Wong & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 01

12:05PM +Zenaida Quintela
Birthdays - Ma, Gong, Families & Friends

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 02

12:05PM Gift of Life - The Smith Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 03

12:05PM +Imelda Brennan "nee Hynes"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 04

12:05PM +MEMBERS OF MEMORIAL SOCIETY
Gift of Life - Alma Bautista

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 05

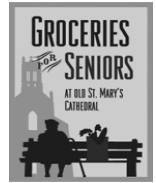
5:00PM PRAYER for All Souls

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

FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 30, 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

