

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.

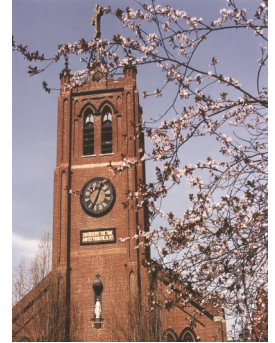


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

FRIEND OR FOE? (Part Two)

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

I'm old enough to remember the Cuban Missile Crisis in October of 1962. At the time, I was 16 years old. I mostly remember how scared everyone was, including me! The news announcer was preparing us for nuclear destruction. No one thought of turning off their television---

In 1962 we DID have an enemy, and I had no doubt about who it was. I had been taught well. At every Catholic Mass, we prayed for the conversion of the communist atheists in the Soviet Union. A communist atheist was the worst thing one could be, and we tended to suspect that people we didn't like at school were among them!

Some of the students and even teachers argued that conversion will take way too long, we should kill them before they killed us. When the Cuban Missile crisis began, and we traveled toward what the news announcers had named "**DEFCON 1**" (**Defense readiness condition**) —total nuclear destruction-- none of my friends, nor I, were surprised. We KNEW this was coming. We said the prayers we say when we know we are going to die.

Thanks be to God and a lot of hard work by some VERY serious military and government folks, we survived!

Five months later, in August of 1963, a sobered President of the United States gave a speech at the American University. In that speech, he said something I had never heard any of my fellow Americans say before, even our nuns and priests.

He said: "Let us not be blind to our differences with the Soviet Union, but let us also direct our attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot now end our differences, we can at least make our world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

Historians tell us that almost no Americans heard or even heard ABOUT the President's speech at the time it was given. Its words may have been just too different than what we Cold Warriors were ready to hear.

But one person who DID listen to this speech was the also sobered leader of the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev. He made sure that this speech by an American President was published in every newspaper in the Soviet Union.

Did the Russian people listen to this speech any more attentively than we Americans did?

I DO know that shortly thereafter, The United States of America and the Soviet Union signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, which brought things back down to **DEFCON 5**. This meant it was safe to enjoy the sunny skies and the beach, and for quite a time thereafter.

Today we are blessed to have no big enemies threatening nuclear destruction against the United States, at least not today or tomorrow. But why do we seem so angry and threatened by people who are different from us here at home? Why are we so afraid? Don't we all breathe the same air? Don't we all cherish our children?



Paulist Fr. Joe Scott

FALL ZOOM TALK A FALL SPIRITUAL REFLECTION With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

As we enter the autumnal season of change we reflect on changes that may and will take place in us if we are faithful to the spiritual practice on a daily basis. Some changes are stormy and chilling, but some are full of light and warmth.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 | 9:00AM (MDT)
Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus
14th Street & Mapleton Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304

Join Zoom Meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82335845901?pwd=V0tLQmNLSTRsdTRMSjhMM3lHd01NUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3584 5901
Passcode: 403982

There will be refreshments and the talk will be recorded. For more information, call 303-442-6158.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 03, 2023

MAUI RELIEF: LET'S HELP THOSE IMPACTED by the WILDFIRES! As Catholics we are called to help those in need. Join parishes across the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support humanitarian needs in Maui. Please donate directly to **Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF)** by using the link below. **You can also write a check to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation Address : 1184 Bishop Street Honolulu, HI 96813**

(<https://sfarch.org/maui/>)



ON LOK PACE, (<https://onlok.org>), will be hosting hospitality in the auditorium after the 9AM & 11AM Masses on September 17, 2023. Come chat with their friendly bilingual representatives and learn more about the PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) program and other comprehensive services this non-profit organization offers Bay Area seniors at no additional cost for medical recipients.

安樂居將會在9月17日上午9點和上午11點彌撒後，與大家見面，希望到時可以見到你們解答你們對安樂居長者全面護理計劃的問題。

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, September 7, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, September 10, 2023
EZ 33: 7-9; ROM 13: 8-10; MT 18: 15-20

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Old St. Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
AAA 2023

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 13,323. *(as of 8/22)*
Less Payments Received : \$ 33,440.

Catholic Charities Adult Day Services for San Francisco Seniors. Affordable Alternative to In-Home Care or Residential Facility

Catholic Charities Adult Day Services is a licensed program enhancing the quality of life for seniors and adults with disabilities in San Francisco who experience losses in physical function, cognitive issues, memory or social support. Services include mentally and physically stimulating activities in a safe and friendly environment tailored to meet individual needs; a hot nutritious lunch and snacks; and personal care assistance.

Co-located within our Adult Day Services San Francisco, **Catholic Charities Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center** provides stability and consistency for late stage dementia, frail or chronically impaired seniors and their families.

For more information about either of these programs, contact Carmen Santoni, Program Director, at 415.452.3500.

OR csantoni@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



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SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR with Fr. Tom Tavella will return between SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER!

Mass Intentions For The Week

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(September 02 - 09, 2023)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 02

5:00PM 27th Wedding Anniversary– Art & Rachael
+Amparo McDaniel
PRAYER For All Souls

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

9:00AM 27th Wedding Anniversary, Art & Rachael
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY
+Kay Fitzpatrick
FOR HEALING - Virginia Young

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05

12:05PM Souls in Purgatory
+Yip Lo Ying

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

12:05PM Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving - Perla & Regina
BIRTHDAY in Heaven - Enrique Tolentino

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

12:05PM +Henry Go
DECEASED Members - Leung Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

12:05PM DEATH Anniversary - +Tak Lee
Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

5:00PM +Kenneth Brenner
+Geraldine Borick

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Cat & Regina
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



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

