

# 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.

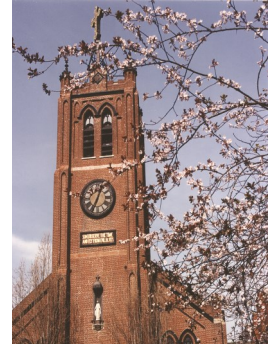


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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

### THE CONVERSION OF ANANIAS AND PAUL

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

*On Thursday, January 25, we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Conversion of St. Paul is a major feast day for the Paulist Fathers! And as Lent is about to begin, Paul and his one-time adversary Ananias offer us a wonderful story of conversion! The tale of St. Paul's conversion is one of the most dramatic events portrayed in the New Testament, even if he didn't fall from a horse.*

We sometimes forget that Paul's conversion would not have been completed were it not for the quieter, but perhaps just as profound conversion of a Christian named Ananias. We don't celebrate the feast of St. Ananias, although we should.

Ananias lived in Damascus, and he undoubtedly had heard the rumor that the fierce anti-Christian Paul was coming to his city to stir up trouble and persecute the Christians living their lives of faith.

"Persecution" meant torture and death. "Christians" meant Ananias and the friends he loved.

The same day the Lord speaks to Saul the Lord also speaks to Ananias. The Lord informs him that "Saul of Tarsus has become blind and needs you to lay hands on him to regain his sight."

Ananias thinks to himself, "what is Saul going to do to ME once his blindness is cured? What will stop him from killing me and my neighbor Christians?"

When Jonah faced a similar request to preach to his hated enemies in Nineveh, he took the first boat going in the opposite direction. It took God a ferocious storm and a big fish to get Jonah's attention. Even so, this reluctant prophet never truly became a fervent respondent to God's call.

Ananias doesn't try to avoid God's call by escaping in the opposite direction, but he does protest mightily, arguing all the way that a visit to Saul would not be a good idea. But in the end the Lord says "go!" and Ananias goes. And when he lays his hands on the enemy who could kill him, he calls him "Saul, my brother."

When I hear this story, I often wonder: which of the two underwent the greater conversion? Which is harder, to change your life from bad to good, or to forgive your very worst enemy, call him "my brother" and mean it?

Both are almost impossible. But with God, all things are possible.

Two things are certain: none of us would be Christians today were it not for St. Paul. And Saul might still be waiting in his blindness of hate were it not for the courage and trust of Ananias.



**Fr. Joe Scott, CSP**

**THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 21, 2024**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS & CEREMONIAL TRIBUTE TO THE ANCESTORS**  
Sunday, February 11, 2024, 11:00AM will be a bilingual Mass followed by a Chinese luncheon in the auditorium. All are welcome to come and join in this celebration.

After 17 years with OSM, Pia Lim, our receptionist will be retiring at the end of April 2024. The RECEPTIONIST supports the goal of ensuring efficient operation of the Parish Office and maintains an attitude of flexibility. Provide a welcoming presence for anyone who contacts the office, either in person or by phone. Support the pastoral staff through the proficient use of secretarial and administrative skills. If interested, please contact Fr. John Ardis at 415-288-3804. or email resume to [johnardis@paulist.org](mailto:johnardis@paulist.org).



**STATEMENT OF DONATION**

If you would like a Statement of your Donation to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2023, please contact Pia Lim at (415) 288 3800 or [piaosm660@gmail.com](mailto:piaosm660@gmail.com)

**AL-ANON IS BACK!**

Affected by someone's Drinking/Addiction? Al-Anon Family Group Can Help! Join us at our weekly meeting: Mondays 12PM to 12:45PM, Old Saint Mary's Cathedral, Room 3, 614 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94108. Email: Constance Torres @ [cmosha@gmail.com](mailto:cmosha@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY RELIEF for SF RESIDENTS**

Are you behind on rent or having trouble paying future rent? Do you need a security deposit or other move-in assistance? **You may be eligible for rental assistance through Catholic Charities Emergency Relief program:** Go to [www.sf.gov/renthelp](http://www.sf.gov/renthelp) and when you get to the last question of the application, select Catholic Charities from the list of community partners to help you complete your application. For further assistance, call Catholic Charities at 415.972.1301 or email us at - - [RentalAssistanceApplicaion@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:RentalAssistanceApplicaion@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 10, 2024**  
The Order of Malta San Francisco Location is hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Dominic's Church, 2390 Bush St. on February 10, 2024 at 11:00AM. Light lunch and desserts provided by Malta FOOD Friends will follow the Mass. Questions: [cherylgurlani@gmail.com](mailto:cherylgurlani@gmail.com)

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 5:00PM

**SUNDAY READINGS : JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>**  
DT 18: 15-20; 1COR 7:32-35; MARK 1: 21-28

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610  
Passcode : 016304

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES (SFEC)**

**Thinking of getting married in 2024?** Take your pre-cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

**DATES: FEB. 10 | APRIL 13 | JUNE 15 | AUG. 10  
OCTOBER 19 | DECEMBER 14**

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Email: [tomtavella@paulist.org](mailto:tomtavella@paulist.org)**

**NOONTIME CONCERTS San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break LIVE!** Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's at 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit [www.noontimeconcerts.org](http://www.noontimeconcerts.org), or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, or (415) 637-6409.

**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK**  
**JANUARY 20 - 27, 2024**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

5:00PM +Theresa Le Thi Trinh  
Intention - Jose L. Remo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

9:00AM +Theresa Le Thi Trinh  
Thanksgiving - Juliana Low

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**  
For All Souls from The Choy Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

12:05PM +Evelyn Eaton  
Intention - Milagros Aquino

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

12:05PM Prayer for All Souls in Purgatory  
Intention - Jose L. Remo

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

12:05PM Thanksgiving - The Nham Family  
Thanksgiving - Mila Aquino

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

12:05PM Good Health - OSM Paulist Fathers  
Thanksgiving - Jose Remo

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

5:00PM Intention - Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP  
Thanksgiving - Mila Aquino

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,  
Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu, Stella Bielat,  
Mary Nham, Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,  
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui

***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***

