

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854)

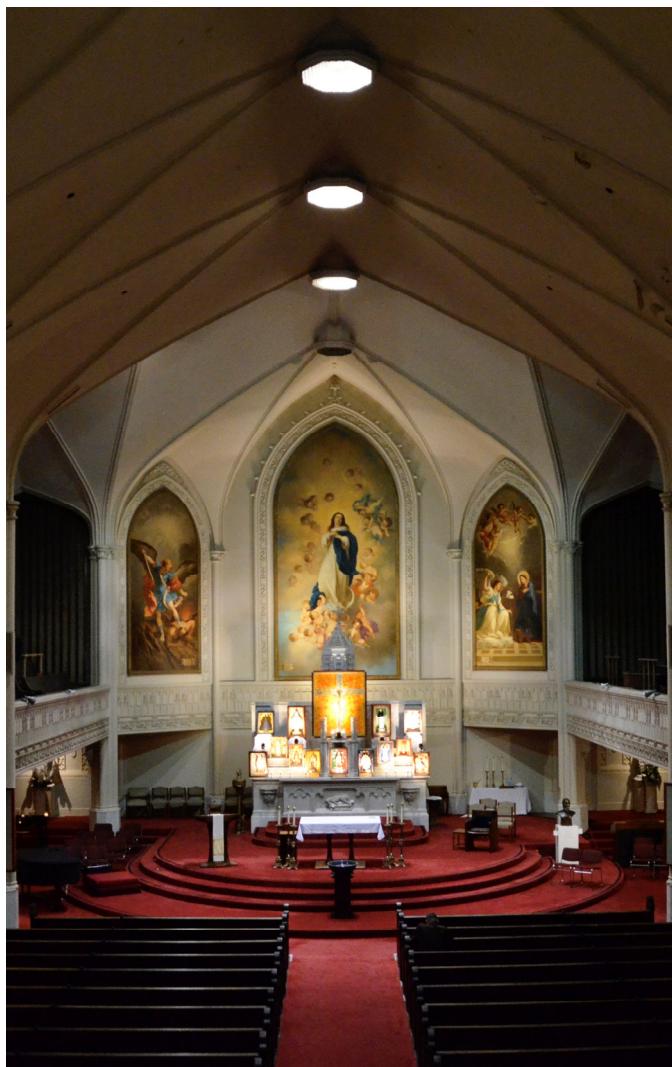
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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



OUR LADY OF LA VANG AND THE GIFT OF VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CATHOLICS

According to the Asian-American theologian Peter C. Phan, in his book "Vietnamese American Catholics" (Paulist Press, 2005), there are more than one million Vietnamese Americans, and of those, thirty per cent are Catholic, compared to eight per cent living in Vietnam. Most of them have settled in California. Among the highest population of Vietnamese Catholics are our next-door neighbors in San Jose.

Our own Old St. Mary's Cathedral has benefited from the devotion and faithful service of its Vietnamese members. Like all immigrants, the Vietnamese strive to become respected citizens in America, while also retaining the cultural and religious traditions that are important for every people who find themselves strangers in a strange land.

Vietnamese Catholics have a special devotion to two significant visions of Mary: Our Lady of La Vang and Our Lady of Tra Kieu. The first took place in 1800 and the second in 1885. In each instance, Mary appears as a protector for those threatened by the violence of an aggressor and also as an ongoing sign of God's mercy. She is the Mother of compassion.

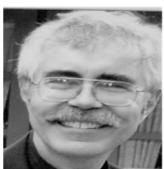


For centuries Catholics were a distinct minority in Vietnam, and suffered from periodic persecution. Our Lady at La Vane and also at Tra Kieu came not to scold the people for their failings, but to support and encourage them as her children.

Professor Phan relates an interesting story about our Lady of La Vang from the Vietnamese Buddhist tradition. The Buddhist elders heard that a woman called Thien Mieu ("the Heavenly Lady") had appeared in La Vang under a banyan tree (a tree sacred to Buddhists). They learned that those who went there to pray to the Lady were healed.

When the Buddhist elders sought to build a pagoda at that place in honor of the Buddha, the Buddha himself appeared to them in a dream and told them to remove his statue from La Vang, because there was a Lady more powerful than he occupying the place. Although the Catholics were being persecuted by the Emperor of that time, the Buddhists donated the pagoda to the Catholics, who turned it into the first chapel of our Lady of La Vang. Such interfaith cooperation would have been unexpected in 1800 and is a wonderful sign of God's mysterious grace!

The basilica of Our Lady of La Vang is located in Central Vietnam. There is also a parish dedicated to Our Lady of La Vang in nearby San Jose. Check out their web site for news of what's happening with and for Vietnamese Catholics in our own State of California!



Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**October 16, 2022**

Thank you one and all for the wonderful birthday cake and celebration on Sunday, October 2nd for Fr. Michael, Fr. Tom and myself after the 11am Mass. Your thoughtfulness and gifts went above and beyond. May God bless each of you!

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA**SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)**

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318

Passcode: 809416

**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES****Thinking of getting married in 2023?**

Take your pre-cana class with us.

February 11 | April 15 | June 10 |

August 12 | October 14 | December 09

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Website : www.oldSaintMarys.org;Email: tomtavella@paulist.org**TOGETHER in HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE - October 22, 2022****St. Paul Catholic Church | Redwood City, CA**Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation
and the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Registration : \$64/couple and \$40/individual

Early bird discount available through September 5.

Scholarship available upon request

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required. For more information, please visit

togetherinholiness.org OREmail: sydney@forlifeandfamily.org

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ARCHBISHOP's ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$32,078.

Needed to reach our goal : \$3, 500.**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA****Thursday, October 20th, 5:00PM****READINGS for SUNDAY, October 23rd****SIR 35: 12-14, 16-18; 2TM 4: 6-8, 16-18;****LUKE 18: 9-14**

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610

Passcode: 016304

**ALL ARE INVITED!****Mass Intentions For The Week****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**5:00PM GIFT OF LIFE - Rosemary Ng & Family
HEALING & RECOVERY - Regina Bautista**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**9:00AM HEALING - Hoang Le
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**12:05PM HEALING - Hoang Le
+Rose Spiliotis**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**12:05PM HEALING - Hoang Le
+Joao Caldas da Costa**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

12:05P +John W. Chmelik

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2112:05PM SPECIAL INTENTION - Emilio Ortigas
BIRTHDAY - Austin Silva**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

5:00P +William Cohen

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Dick Chilson,CSP,Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Liu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza.