

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.

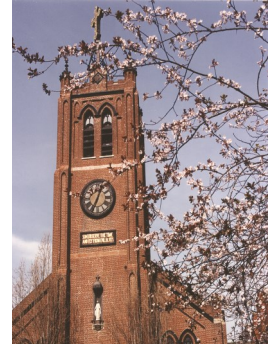


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

DO YOU EVER FEEL SORRY FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST?

Do you ever feel sorry for John the Baptist? I do! It might be more accurate to say, I feel sympathy for him. He has a tough job in the gospels. John the Baptist appears in all four of those gospels. He's the only one, aside from Jesus, who rates an infancy narrative and a passion narrative. Jesus himself says that there is no one born of a woman who is greater than John the Baptist. He is the last, and the most important, of the prophets, at least in Christian telling.

And yet, John's role in the gospels is to be **second best**. And who, in OUR world, wants to be second best?

John is what we like to call, in our political campaigns, an advanced person. An advanced person is VERY important to a campaign. The advanced person is the first to come to a city, or small town, to announce the beginning of the campaign. This person meets as many as he can, but never talks about himself. The advance person talks about the future President nobody knows about yet. When the ___yet unknown, future President finally comes to town, the advance person is the one who shouts: "There he is, he's the one I've been talking about all this time."

The advanced person introduces the candidate's first speech, and when the candidate starts to specify, the advanced person goes to the back of the crowd, where no one can see him.

When the candidate becomes President, the advance person generally gets a job doing something somewhere in the president's office. And, you might have noticed that he or she usually leaves that job quickly once the new leader starts feeling his oats. He or she is not needed anymore. I have never heard an instance of an advance person becoming president of the United States. The advanced person's job is to eventually disappear.

That's John the Baptist. His is a job that requires humility. Humility means truth. It means looking at myself and not thinking of myself too big and not thinking of myself too small. It's having an accurate sense of my own strengths and weaknesses, and what's best for me to do, with this short life that I have.

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

John the Baptist appears to be the kind of man who had a big ego. He was comfortable in his own skin. He was willing to speak up, and loudly, for his own truth. And he was not afraid to tell a VERY uncomfortable truth to a VERY powerful tyrant no matter what the cost to him.

Although we might not guess it, if we read some of the passages in John's gospel, Jesus also had a healthy sense of HIS own truth. When the crowds tried to put a crown on his head, Jesus hid away in the desert.

He said: "only the Father knows, and I'm not the Father."

Jesus was never working for his own advancement. He was working for coming of the time when the God who is love oversaw everything. Jesus never asked to have a Church named after him. He wanted love in charge, not him. He was working for the rule of love, no matter what sacrifices HE had to make on love's behalf.

John the Baptist and Jesus are cousins in confronting each **one** of us with this truth regarding life. It's not about me. We all have a part to play, but only God is in charge. We must spend our lifetime learning how to let go and let God. It's only by dying to ourselves that God teaches us how to live.



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

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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**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024**

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 20,835.. (as of 12/18)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ (TBD)

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

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.



**“RENEWING OUR DISCIPLESHIP
IN THE NEW YEAR”**

With Paulist Father Frank DeSiano, CSP

You are invited by Paulist Fathers to participate in a webinar. It's the beginning of the year and in six weeks - Lenten season begins. Time for renewal.

WHY: As we begin the new year, let us focus on, renewing all efforts towards growing discipleship. In this webinar participants will review:

- Positive Elements of Catholic Spirituality
- Understanding Discipleship as a Catholic Renewing Understanding and Spirituality

WHEN : January 17, 2024 | 11:00AM (PST)

Click or cut & paste the link below to register and get Zoom link - -

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_co0_C4k9Q_Om7zszt06hcQ#/registration

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 5:00PM

SUNDAY READINGS : JANUARY 21st

JON 3: 1-5, 10; 1COR 7:29-31; MARK 1: 14-20

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



20th ANNUAL WALK for LIFE WEST COAST

The official Walk for Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone - all are welcome. This year's Mass will feature the St. Brigid School Children's Choir and adult singers in 10 new sacred music compositions by composers Chris Mueller, directed by renowned cathedral music and choir director Christoph Tietze.

MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE :

10:45AM to 12:15PM Civic Center Plaza, SF

11:00AM to 12:30PM - Civic Center Plaza, SF

Info Faire: Come visit the vendors at the annual Info Faire

12:30 to 1:30PM—Civic Center Plaza, SF

Rally : 12:30PM to 1:30PM

Walk : 1:30PM Sgstarts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market (2 miles) . Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

REGISTER & INFO: 415 658 1793

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, or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, or (415) 637-6409.

**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
JANUARY 13–20, 2024**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00PM +Maria To Puong
+Raguraman Nagarajan Gomathi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00AM +Maria To Puong
+Peter Chan

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**

Thanksgiving - Jamie Ong

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

12:05PM Intention - Joy Bautista
+Santos Quintela
+Menandro Pineda, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

12:05PM Death Anniversary - Tony Cahill
Good Health - Dawn Ng
+Mrs. Law

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

12:05PM +John Linh Nham
+Birthday in Heaven - Fe Limjoco

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

12:05PM +John Linh Nham
Intention - Milagros Aquino

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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

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

