

# 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



## 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

### JONAH



If I could pick one book from the Old Testament to read in these troubled times, I would pick Jonah. Jonah is the only one of the Jewish prophets that Jesus quotes more than Isaiah. Although it was written more than two thousand years ago, it tells us how we can follow Jesus today.

The first thing to know about Jonah is not historical fact. The only history in it is the name "Ninevah". It's what we call a short story. And it's also a satire, or comedy, we think of the Bible as a very serious book, and we tend to read it very seriously. But we won't really get the point of Jonah until we can laugh along with its author.

Jonah is like the late-night comedians we view on television, who talk about the serious issues of our time, in a way that we can laugh about them, and thereby view them in a new way.

What Jonah is trying to teach us is how to live with the people we truly hate. Who is your biggest enemy? For Jonah, it is the people of Ninevah, a powerful city whose citizens used their power advantage to oppress the poor and relatively powerless people of Israel.

So, when God calls for Jonah to preach to his worst enemy, Jonah flees in the opposite direction, as far away as can get. God must use a tremendous sea storm and a huge fish to get Jonah's attention.

Jonah finally goes to Ninevah, but all the time he's preaching to his enemies, he's certain his message will fail. And he WANTS it to fail. He believes that the Ninevites are so stupid and so evil they will reject God and Jonah's call to repent, and then God will destroy them with fire and brimstone. And the best thing will be that Jonah will have a front row seat for all this destruction.

Well, it turns out that there ARE some good people in Ninevah after all—lots of them. Do we ever think about the good people in Russia? Or about the good people in Cuba? Or about the good people in China? The book of Jonah tells us that Jonah was a much more effective prophet than he wanted to be. He convinces even the four-legged animals to repent in sack cloth and ashes.

The punchline in this story is that while ALL the Ninevites turn back to God and repent, Jonah himself does NOT repent. He's the only one in the story who ends up not trusting in the love and mercy of God.

The amusing thing is that God is taking good care of Jonah right until the end, even growing a large, shady plant for him to rest under in the hot desert. But Jonah can't feel grateful, because he's so angry at God for treating with forgiveness, and mercy, the very people Jonah hates, for treating Jonah's enemies just as well as he treats Jonah, no more and no less.

Jonah's comedy is very good for us because we may take ourselves, and our world, too seriously. Our daily news is full of hatreds and enemies. Jonah is too angry with God to appreciate the beauty of the shady plant God gives him. Much like Jonah, we spend too much time in fear and anger, and not enough in gratitude and mercy.

The book of Jonah leaves its angry prophet with a decision. Can he trust God's love enough to love ALL the people God loves, even the ones who don't seem so lovable? Jonah's decision is our decision too.

The best part about the story is that it has no ending. It's open-ended. We, you, and I, have to provide its ending!

***Fr. Joe Scott, CSP***



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

♦ **The ARCHBISHOP's ANNUAL APPEAL is now underway.** This Year our assessment is \$26,336! Your participation and support are NEEDED and APPRECIATED! God Bless! Fr. John.

♦ **COFFEE HOUR with Fr. Tom Tavella!**

Sundays, 6:00PM

**Join ZOOM Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698956318?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698956318?pwd=cV1USjEwZO5QVEZUN1ZUQjAyTW1FQTO9)

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Passcode : 809416



♦ **BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
Thursdays, 5PM**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd-SUpXZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!

♦ **STATIONS of the CROSS  
Fridays of Lent, 6:15PM**

**Join ZOOM Meeting :**

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Passcode : 268530



♦ **FUNDAMENTA; HEALTH CARE ETHICS –**

Health care professionals are invited to the fourth *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on March 9, 2024 from 9:45 am – 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA. This one-day conference will explore the theme of Fundamental Health Care Ethics and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the San Francisco and Santa Clara Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University. For more info, please visit [convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco](http://convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco) or email [ana@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ana@forlifeandfamily.org).

**Foster Care Mass :** May 18, 4:30PM, St. Stephen Catholic Church

**Women's Retreat for Healing After Abortion,** June 14-16 at a confidential location

♦ **CELEBRATE the SEASON OF LENT by  
PUTTING YOUR FAITH into ACTION**

Come join us for a little weeding, and lots of camaraderie as we spruce up and make our programs gardens a more beautiful and restorative green space for our clients to enjoy:

MARCH 54, 10am-2pm at SF Boys Home, SF

MARCH 19, 11AM-2PM at Adult Day Services, SF

For more information, contact Darlene Wilson, at [volunteers@catholiccharitiesf.org](mailto:volunteers@catholiccharitiesf.org)

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK  
FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 02, 2024**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

5:00PM +Margareth Rosenthal  
+Kenneth Brenner  
+Cindy Solari

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

9:00AM Intention - Frank Wycheck &  
Terry Gee  
+David Lam

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**

In Memory of +Virginia Tam

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

12:05PM Intention - Ryan O'Neil  
Intention - Matthew Teophilus

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

12:05PM Intention - Arlan Burnham  
Intention - Fr. Stephen Gutzsell

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

12:05PM Intention - Kathy Chow  
Intention - Alan Yoshida  
Healing-Claire Nalani Carvalho

**FRIDAY, MARCH 01**

12:05PM Intention - Chelsey Flores  
Intention - Rachel Morin

**SATURDAY, MARCH 02**

5:00PM For the Poor Souls Prayer  
Death Anniversary - +Cecilia Ma



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**March 23 & 24**

**Passion (PALM) Sunday**

**5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass)**

**9:00 AM Mass**

**11:00 AM (Bilingual English / Cantonese)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

**12:05 PM Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

**12:05 PM Mass**

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

**6:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**3:00PM Passion of the Lord in English**

**6:00PM Passion of the Lord in Cantonese**

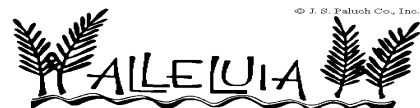
**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

**(NO MASS THIS DAY)**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**9:00AM Mass**

**11:00AM Bilingual-English / Cantonese**



**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

The parishioners and staff of Old Saint  
Mary's Cathedral and the Paulist Fathers  
wish you and yours all the Blessings of the  
Risen Lord.