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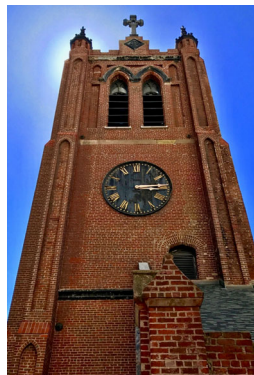
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, 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



“SHINE ON, SHINE ON HARVEST MOON” A REFLECTION ON THE AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL by Paulist Father Joe Scott

The Chinese have celebrated the harvest during the autumn moon since the Shang dynasty a long, long time ago.

About such things there is always a story. “The Handbook of Chinese Mythology” tells of an ambitious archer named Hou Yi who, with his great skill, shot out nine of the ten suns, leaving only one for light. His people were so impressed by this that they made him King. But he turned out to be a cruel tyrant, caring for no one but himself.

When he sought out a potion that would make him immortal, his wife Chang’e stole it, for she did not want her husband to inflict his cruelty on the people forever. She drank the potion herself, and fled to the moon where she would become its immortal Spirit. Thereafter, people offered sacrifices to the moon every autumn to commemorate Chang’e’s action. The name of this Festival in Cantonese is *Jung-chau Jit*.

Like the Lunar New Year, the Autumn Moon Festival is a fun time to celebrate the great gift we San Franciscans and Americans have received in the Chinese people, in fact, all Asian people. Every day we benefit from the gift of Asian American doctors, teachers business folk and political leaders. Old St. Mary’s Cathedral would simply not exist without all that our Chinese parishioners have contributed.

We Catholics don’t worship the moon as a god or goddess. But we can respect and even enjoy the moon as one of the mysterious delights of God’s creation. St. Francis of Assisi had a wise insight when he spoke of his (and our) relationship to “Brother Sun and Sister Moon.”

They are a bit different. The sun is direct light. We depend on the sun to live, but we don’t have much fun with the sun. It’s true, we can bask in the warmth of the sun in leisure moments, but we have to be very careful of sunburn or skin cancer. We can’t stare directly at the sun either. We can actually visit the moon---a privileged few have---but we can never dream of walking on the surface of the sun.

It may be that we most enjoy the light of the sun when we are looking at the moon. The moon has no light of its own. It’s completely dark. Moonlight is the sun’s light reflecting of the moon’s surface. But in a way, the moon charms the light of the sun, making it both softer and warmer for us. We don’t think of the sun as being romantic. That’s the task of the moon.

As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, the moon can evoke in our spirits the feminine created in each of us, a “Sister” who seeks love, not war.

When Jesus says to his disciples, “you are the light of the world”, he’s talking about reflected light. The unvarnished Glory of God may be too much for us to behold. Saul about to become Paul was blinded by it.

Jesus came to earth to reflect God’s glory in the gleam of a kind eye and in the touch of a warm hand. It’s not so scary for us, and probably more effective.

That’s our mission too, to share God’s love not in the manner of the intense sun but like peaceful moonlight shining in the darkness.

So enjoy the moon cakes and dragons and all the fun of the Autumn Moon Festival September 11-13. Perhaps these festivities can remind us of Jesus’ invitation to be a light to the world, a light the darkness cannot overcome.



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Saturday for Engaged Couples

Are you getting married in the Fall or early Spring and need a marriage preparation program? Here at Old Saint Mary’s we offer the *Saturday for Engaged Couples*, a daylong seminar covering all the topics required by the Church for a marriage prep program. The dates for the Saturdays for the rest of the year are:

October 16 (virtual) | December 11 (virtual)

During this time of pandemic, we have been doing the seminar virtually, on Zoom. We are hoping to resume the in-person seminars in October. Of course, that will depend on the City & State regulations concerning the pandemic. For updates on the status of each weekend, check our website; www.oldsaintmarys.org. Next year’s schedule will go up at the end of the summer. For more information email Fr. Tom at tomtavella@paulist.org

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR

With Fr. Tom Tavella
Sundays, 4PM (PT)
Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513
Passcode: 003859

BIBLE STUDY

with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

WHEN : September 16, 2021
TIME : 5:00PM PST

READINGS for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
WIS 2: 12, 17 - 20; JAS 3: 16—4:3; MK 9: 30-37

Join ZOOM Meeting
Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910
Passcode: 332406

ALL ARE INVITED!

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(September 11– 18, 2021)**

Saturday September 11

5:00PM †Marilyn McKeever

Sunday, September 12

9:00AM †Patrick Dunn

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, September 14

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Wednesday, September 15

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Thursday, September 16

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Friday, September 17

12:05PM †DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Belen Tinio

Saturday, September 18

5:00PM †GIFT OF LIFE - The Smith Family

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -

Bob Panelli, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina Bautista,
Regina Bautista, Quincy Castillo, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol,
Donna Kelly, Henry Tolentino.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
(Sept. 13-18, 2021)**

MONDAY	1TM 2: 1-8	LUKE 7: 1-10
TUESDAY	NM 21: 4B-9;	PHIL 2: 6-11; JN 3: 13-17
WEDNESDAY	1TM 3: 14-16;	JN 19: 25-27
THURSDAY	1TM 4: 12-16	LUKE 7: 36-50
FRIDAY	1TM 6:2C-12;	LUKE 8: 1-3
SATURDAY	1TM 6: 13-16;	LUKE 8: 4-15

THIS WEEK'S READING

IS 50: 4C-9A
JAS 2: 14-18
MK 8:27-35

NEXT WEEK'S READING

WIS 2: 12, 17-20
JAS 3: 16—4:3
MARK 9: 30-37

We Welcome . . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders
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

