

# OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

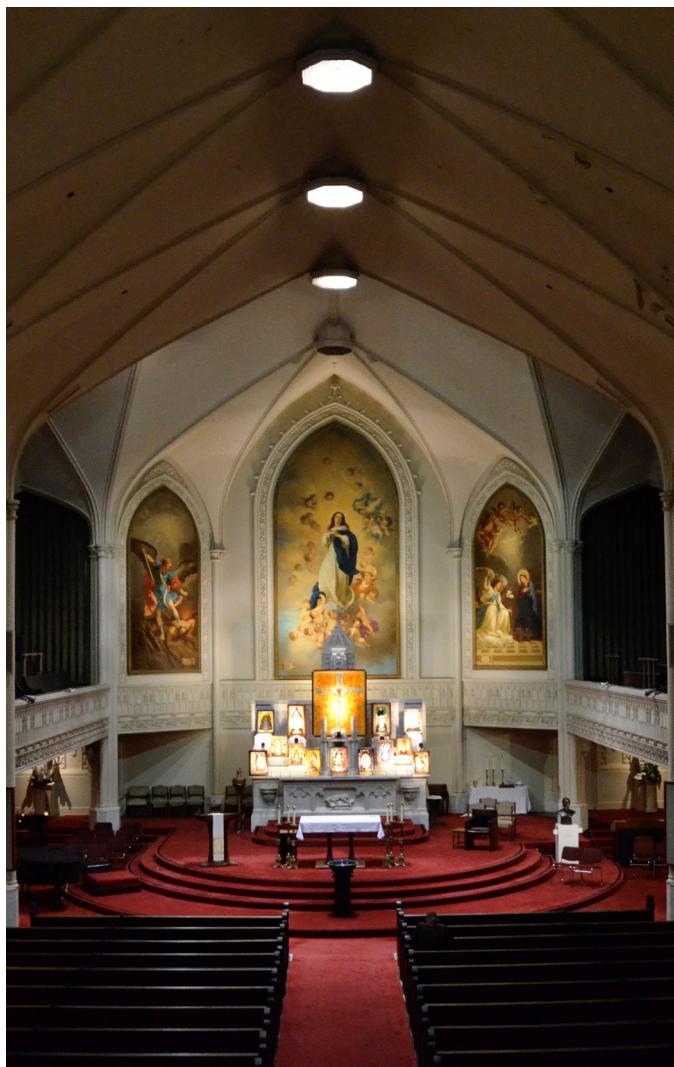
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Everden, 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

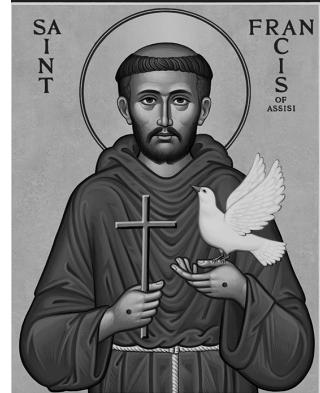
Notes from the Paulist

## FIVE REASONS WHY FRANCIS OF ASSISI IS MY FAVORITE SAINT A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

A popular bumper sticker a few years back asked “what would Jesus do?”

It’s a good question to ponder whenever we’re faced with a decision or difficulty. It’s not always an easy question to answer! An advantage of having saints is that they give us at least a thousand human attempts to live like Jesus. Even the strange or cranky saints—yes, such ones have walked the earth—have something to teach us.

But I suspect most of us have a favorite saint or two. Mine is St. Francis of Assisi. I’m not sure I could live exactly as he did, but I keep returning to him in prayer as a wise guide for my spirit. Here are five reasons why:



1. He shows me that money and material possessions will not bring me joy. What brought Francis joy? People and nature. Francis made friends with men like Brother Leo and Brother Juniper and women like St. Claire and Lady Jacoba (whom Francis called “Brother”). I imagine that men and women followed Francis for the same reason men and women of a different time followed Jesus: he made them feel fully alive.
2. He kissed a leper. I don’t want to do this! But Pope Francis, early in his years as bishop of Rome, followed his namesake’s example by embracing and kissing a horribly disfigured man. I imagine that Pope Francis didn’t want to do this either. But he didn’t stop to think about it. His heart melded with that other Francis and let the love flow beyond the fear.
3. He saw all creation as his brother and sister. Too many people think of nature as something to exploit for financial gain, preferably from a distance. But physicians today are explaining that spending time each day in nature, even as little as tending a plant or walking through a garden, is a blessing for our mental AND physical health. Francis appreciated the Divine gift that was nature and never took it for granted.
4. He invented the Christmas manger scene. When I visited Rome, and much later when I spent a month in Mexico, I was enthralled by the creches and nacimientos that graced nearly every church, all year long. In small, poor towns the Christ child lives at the center of a miniature world, within all its activity and persistent pain and frail hope. Manger scenes provide our most vivid image of the mystery of the Incarnation. St. Francis started all that, on a hillside outside the Italian village of Grecio, with live animals to boot!
5. He showed us that peace is holier than war. In Francis’ day Pope Innocent III, a living enthronement of earthly power and splendor, launched a Holy War to seize back the Holy Land from the Muslims. While the mighty Christian crusaders marched toward Jerusalem on horseback, Francis traveled on sandals with single friend. He sent a message to the Sultan asking permission to visit, not knowing whether this would lead to his own martyrdom. Instead the curious Sultan invited Francis for a visit. We don’t know exactly what they talked about. Did Francis interest the Sultan in Jesus? Did the Sultan talk to this Christian Friar about Islam? We do know this: in the centuries during which Muslims ruled over the Holy Land, Franciscans were the only priests permitted to establish churches there.

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. He is, of course, the patron saint of San Francisco! More about that next Sunday—

Who is your favorite saint? And why?

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 02, 2022**

**SOULNAUTS AMONG THE BARREN  
BRANCHES**

With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP  
Wednesdays, October 5 and 19, 2022  
2:00 PM Mountain Time  
On ZOOM 367 360 7803  
Or go to [snowmassbookstore.com](http://snowmassbookstore.com)

As we *Soulnauts* move into October we begin to see barren branches around us as Fall shadows lengthen. The sense of change in color moves to a sense of loss and maybe emptiness. But in the spiritual travels this can be a very good thing. As the tree lets go of its leaves and begins to bring the sap into the trunk for Winter, we are challenged to see what we need to let go of the in order to insure future growth. We lighten our load for the next stage.

**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)  
Join ZOOM Meeting -  
Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318  
Passcode: 809416



**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](http://togetherinholiness.org) OR  
Email: [sydney@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sydney@forlifeandfamily.org)

**Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission**  
**ARCHBISHOP's ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)**  
Campaign Goal : \$32,078.  
Received so far : \$ 18,078.  
Needed to reach our goal : \$14,000.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, October 06, 5:00PM

**READINGS for SUNDAY, October 09th**  
2KGS 5: 14-17; 2TM 2: 8-13  
LUKE 17:11-19

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610  
Passcode: 016304



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**  
**OCTOBER 01 - 08, 2022**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 01**

5:00PM PRAYER For All Souls  
THANKSGIVING - Steven & Caillen

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 02**

9:00AM +Dante Brunetti  
+Asuncion Judilla  
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
GIFT OF LIFE - Natasha Stone

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 04**

12:05PM +Susana & Santiago Oplado  
SPEEDY RECOVERY - Cheryl Cofreros

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 05**

12:05PM SPL. INTENTION - Joseph R. Bautista  
BIRTHDAY - Annelise Silva

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 06**

12:05PM +Cadence Marumoto  
SPEEDY RECOVERY - Cheryl Cofreros

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 07**

12:05PM +MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 08**

5:00PM HEALING - Elizabeth Marumoto  
SPEEDY RECOVERY - Cheryl Cofreros

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends** : Fr. Thomas Foley,CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Liu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza.