

# 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.

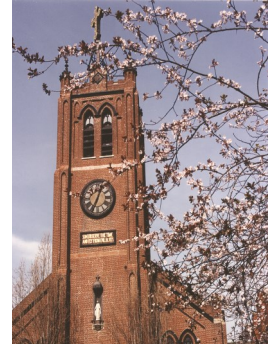


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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

## PETER WALKING ON WATER

The story of Jesus walking on water is a remarkable one. No other gospel has inspired so many jokes, mostly about golf, a game not yet invented in Jesus' time. **Jesus'** walking on water is not the point of this gospel. **PETER** walking on water is.

Matthew wrote his gospel fifty years after Jesus' walk on this earth had ended. Can you remember anything you were doing fifty years ago?

Matthew and his readers had no podcasts to remember how Jesus walked, or what his voice sounded like. They didn't even have a photograph. Most of those who would have remembered that voice had died. The memory of the remarkable person who had inspired so many people to call themselves Christian was fading away.

Matthew's contemporaries are living in a church that has become much more turbulent within its ranks and without than even the stormy winds of the Sea of Galilee. They are asking themselves: "How can we remain faithful, when it's costing so much of our peace of mind and heart, and maybe our lives as well"?

These Christians NEED Peter. We Christians need Peter. Peter, in this gospel, is what Jesus calls a person of little faith. He has enough faith to get out of the boat and begin walking step by step on the turbulent sea. So long as his attention is focused on Jesus, he can do it.

But when he realizes: "**this sea is so rough, and I'm so small**", Peter begins to sink. His attention is no longer on Jesus, but upon himself, and his own fear sinks him.

That's what "**little faith**" means. I have it, maybe you have it. Peter loves Jesus, he knows Jesus loves him, but he can't take the extra step of letting go of his own fear.

I know something of what Peter is feeling. Many years ago, I was part of a sweat lodge organized by an old wise man of the Lakota nation.

The sweat lodge was a prayer with four parts. I don't know how long it lasted because nobody mentioned the time. We gathered in a circle in a small tent.

## A Reflection by Paulist Father Joe Scott

Our leader poured water on rocks that had been fired into intense heat. It got much hotter than any sauna. The prayer was divided into four sessions, called "endurances." At the beginning of every one of the four "endurances", the leader would heat up the fire to an even greater intensity. For each endurance there would be a different prayer for us to pray.

Almost as soon as the tent flapped closed, I wanted to escape. Outside the tent were cool breezes and bottles of fresh water. Then, I discovered that whenever my mind wandered, whenever I focused on myself and my own misery, I panicked.

But when I got back to the prayer I was praying, I was able to stay put. While praying, I was able to keep God closer to the center of my attention. What also kept me in the tent was the awareness that every other person in my circle was praying with me. I knew that I was not alone.

And yes, I made it through the four endurances to the end. And it was not all misery. I received some blessings from the sweat lodge that have guided me to this day. I must admit, though, I've never been tempted to do another one. It was tough and challenging, like living in the world is tough and challenging.

St. Peter was a fearful man, like me, who more than once wanted to quit the ship. But when he was finally martyred in Rome, crucified upside down, they say, I imagine his eyes were fixed on Jesus.

For many years, I've passed by cars with bumperstickers bearing the words, "**What would Jesus do?**"

I used to smile at this, even thinking about the bearers of this message as Jesus freaks. But one day I realized: this is truly a great prayer.

So, I try. Some days I get overwhelmed by the stress and anger all around me and us in our world. But when it starts to get too much for me, I return to what has become my prayer: "**what would Jesus do?** And can I make an effort to do as Jesus would do? To do what his example would suggest? I try to pray this prayer because I believe it's what St. Peter would have done. Want to try it for yourself?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 08, 2023**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023**

The funds given to the AAA support these services & ministries

<b>Parish Ministry &amp; Schools = 25%</b>	<b>Universal Church &amp; Communications = 19%</b>
<b>Social Ministry = 24%</b>	<b>Clergy Support = 32%</b>

**Old St. Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission  
AAA 2023**

<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>: \$ 46,762.</b>
<b>Payments Received</b>	<b>: \$ 14,867. (as of 10/3)</b>
<b>Needed to Reach our Goal</b>	<b>: \$ 31,895.</b>

ALL ARE WELCOME to join the Old Saint Mary's and Chinese Mission annual cookout/picnic.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 following the 9AM & 11AM Masses**, in the auditorium for a time of fun and parish building. See You There!



**TOGETHER in HOLINESS  
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

Married and engaged couples are invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Together in Holiness marriage conference** on **October 21, 2023 from 10:45AM – 6:00PM** at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. **Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare.** This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For more information visit [togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco](http://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco). **EMAIL : [sydney@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sydney@forlifeandfamily.org)**



After 16 years with OSM, *Pia Lim*, our receptionist will be retiring at the end of this year, 2023.

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](mailto:johnardis@paulist.org).

**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](http://www.noontimeconcerts.org), or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, (415) 637-6409.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
Thursday, October 12, 5:00PM**

**READINGS : Sunday, October 15, 2023  
IS 25: 6-10a PHIL 4: 12-14, MT 22: 1-14**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

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

**Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610**

**Passcode : 016304**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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**SUNDAY COFFEE  
HOUR with Fr. Tom  
Tavella will soon  
Return! Stay Tuned!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

OCTOBER 7-14, 2023

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07**

5:00PM +John Hinck  
FOR ALL SOULS PRAYER

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 08**

9:00AM IN MEMORY of +Anthony Lee  
THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE  
HEALING - Francis & Irene Wong  
THANKSGIVING - Dawn Ng

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - +Pierre Becquet  
HEALING - Dominic Robles

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

12:05PM HEALING - Francis & Irene Wong  
GOOD HEALTH - Calixterio Family  
+John Sokolowski

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

12:05PM +Mary Tran  
GOOD HEALTH - Joseph Escobar

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

12:05PM INTENTION - Bernadette Aquino  
HEALING - Francis & Irene

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00PM +Pablo Ong  
BIRTHDAY - Aubrie Silva  
+Pierre Becquet

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel  
McCotter, CSP, Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt  
Commons, Cat & Regina Bautista, Ida & Carolyn  
Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella  
Bielat, Mary Nham, Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza,  
Maria Tan, Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui,  
Mian Gancayco, Francis & Irene, Verceles Family, Celina



***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***

