

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.

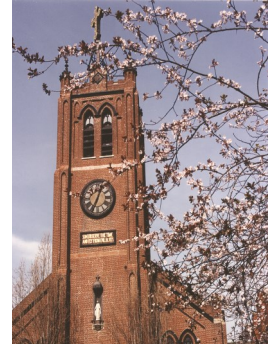


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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



ALL SOULS DAY AND THE DAY OF THE DEAD

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT



A few years ago, the feature length cartoon and Academy Award winner *Coco* introduced us to the Day of the Dead (*El Día de los Muertos*). Mexico has observed this day for as long as anyone remembers.

One of the benefits of living in a country, state, and city where our neighbors hark from so many birthlands is that we can't help but experience the treasures of people who once seemed far away but now live right next door. In my Chinatown neighborhood I can visit two Buddhist Temples within a two-minute walk —and those are only the two I know about!

On November 2, San Francisco celebrates *El Día de los Muertos* at our oldest Catholic church (Dolores Mission) and many other neighborhoods as well. Sometimes the festivities last a week. The events of this day are part of our multicultural city. They are now part of being American. Perhaps even more, they are a cherished part of our Catholic heritage.

Whether we name it All Soul's Day or the Day of the Dead, on November 2 we remember with respect, affection, and prayers those who lie in their tombs. On the Feast of All Saints (November 1) we remember infants or children who have died. In a very real way, we don't need to pray for them, but we can certainly ask these innocents to pray for us, for they are angels in heaven. Pope Benedict XVI assured us that we can trust in God's love for infants who died before they could be baptized, for grace has no boundaries and Divine love has no limits.

On November 2, our prayerful attention turns toward adults. Some traditions that accompany *El Día de los Muertos* can remind us of Halloween. Children go door to door, costumed as citizens of the Land of the Dead. The treat they seek is *calacas*, a small candy formed in the image of a skull or skeleton.

There is a significant difference between the two events. However, on Halloween the skeletons are meant to scare us. On the Day of the Dead the skeletons are Uncle Juan and Grandma Rosa whom we love and who love us. The complementary settings for the Day of the Dead are home and cemetery. In our living room an altar appears bearing photos of those who have died alongside images of Jesus and Mary and favorite saints.

In the kitchen, our family gathers to prepare the favorite foods of the dearly departed. During their lives on earth, we shared tamales or *posole* with them at so many meals festive and ordinary. Now we carry them and *Pan de Muertos* in picnic baskets to their graves to share yet one more meal together. We remember that Jesus, as the grave loomed fearfully near for him, urged his friends to remember him by sharing the bread and wine they had enjoyed so often before.

Like Halloween and Christmas, *El Día de los Muertos* has roots in pagan pre-history. Yet it's useful to recall how Christian, indeed how Catholic, this day is.

We believers affirm that we are members of a community of faith and love that the grave cannot conquer. We pray for the dead and they pray for us. They remain a part of our family. And if we can experience the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, why can't Grandpa and Grandma be especially present to us when we share a picnic close by their tombstones with all the love that sparkles in our memories?

The death of someone we love breaks our hearts. It's as though we have been shattered into pieces. The most well-meant words cannot comfort. To heal takes time. Time and faith, and now and again, a good loving meal shared with family and friends.

El Día de los Muertos is one day of the year which encourages us to look deeply yet playfully into the face of death, to dance with joy in its frightful presence, to pluck the thorn of grief and anoint its wound with the healing balm of faith, hope and love. We do this not in spite of, but BECAUSE death is so shattering. Only God can put the pieces back together. And we believe God does, in the Spirit of Jesus we meet still among us.

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

THIRTIETH SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 29, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 15,511. (as of 10/23)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 31,251.

• **Wednesday, November 01st is All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation! Please join us for a Mass at 12:05PM on that day!**



• **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME . . . Ends November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.**

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.



BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, November 02, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, November 05, 2023
MAL 1:14B-2: 2B,8-10; 1THES 2:7B-9,13;
MT 23: 1-12

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each one of you for your outpouring of support on **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. Together, our parish raised \$728.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move,**" bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit— **OneFamilyinMission.org**. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY CROSS

CATHOLIC CEMETERY. 1500 Mission Road, Colma - All Saints Chapel - Holy Cross Cemetery. Contact: Monica Williams at 650-746-5463
mjwilliams@holycrosscemeteries.com

November 2: Please join us in praying for the souls of the faithful departed on All Souls Day, Thursday November 2 at 11AM in All Saints Chapel. Fr. Ed Dura will be our Celebrant. The Church grants a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory to those who pray in a cemetery the week of All Souls' Day.

The Advent of the Light

With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 AM Mountain Time

Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus
14th Street and Mapleton Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304

Also on Zoom at

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Many people under 30 are beginning to search for something beyond or beneath the secular solutions to fulfillment. Power, control, esteem, material possessions, and location do not seem to be enough. In this season of gathering winter darkness, the Church prepares for the Season of Advent, a Light coming into the Darkness. This Light is within us, and has always been there, but too much ignored. Let us see how this Light can lead us into a sense of fulfilling union with our Creator. The talk will be recorded. Donations welcome. For more information call 303-442-6158

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 04, 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00PM +Jean Quinn
+Bp. David O'Connell
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00AM Death Anniversary - Maria Chavez
+Jansen Panettierre
+James Reed
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Noah Silva
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01

12:05PM +Que Kim Kuan
+Mariano Chua Yu King

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 02

12:05PM Death Anniv. - Ma, Gong, Families & Friends
+Josefina Chua Chiacio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 03 (First Friday)

12:05PM Members of Memorial Society
+Lamberto Bautista, Sr.
+Kyle Nathan Arnold

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 04

5:00PM +William Solari
PRAYER For All Souls

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, 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,



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

