

# 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:** Earl Fong

**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

## THE RISEN CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

## A REFLECTION ON EASTER BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



During the Easter Season, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. It's an unusual New Testament book in many ways.

First of all, it's the only sequel to an earlier story. We are used to sequels of books and movies but this was not so common in the first century. Luke wrote his gospel before he wrote this sequel. Luke was a planner and an organizer. He believed that God had foreordained three great Ages for the human race.

The first was the Age of the Prophets, which was focused on the Jewish people whose stories were told in the Old Testament. In Luke's understanding, the last of the prophets, and therefore the last of the Old Testament, is John the Baptist. In Luke's story of Jesus' birth, Simeon and Anna and even the parents of John (Zachariah and Elizabeth) are actually Old Testament people.

Jesus' baptism begins the second Age of Jesus, which is recorded in Luke's gospel.

The third and final Age of the Holy Spirit begins with Jesus' Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost. We are still living in the Age of the Holy Spirit. The inauguration of this new age is the subject of the Acts of the Apostles.

Another unique feature of the Acts of the Apostles: it is the only travelogue found in the New Testament. We are familiar with travelogues like "The Travels of Marco Polo" or Jules Verne's "Around the World in 80 Days." The Acts of the Apostles is a similar travel story, but a highly symbolic one. It's really about the journeys of the Holy Spirit after Pentecost.

Luke begins his gospel with Zachariah the priest in the Temple of Jerusalem. He ends with the disciples joyfully gathered in the Temple to praise God for the gift of Jesus' resurrection. Jerusalem and the Temple are the beginning and the end and the central holy spaces of Luke's gospel.

With the Acts of the Apostles a journey begins from "Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In Acts the journey begins in Jerusalem but ends in Rome, the capital city of the Roman Empire which spread through the whole world.

One thing to note is that Acts is a very selective account of the early years of the church. We know from other sources that a large and influential community existed in Alexandria, Egypt, but Acts mentions nothing of this. Ancient Catholic tradition contains mostly legendary accounts of the missionary travels of each of the twelve apostles, such as Thomas' visit to India. Acts shows little interest in the post-resurrection lives of any of the twelve except for Peter, John and James. The focus of Acts is mostly on Paul, who is never mentioned even in Luke's gospel.

In writing the Acts of the Apostles, Luke has one disappointing and perhaps embarrassing fact to face. The Jews, Jesus' own people, by-and-large did not accept his message. The Samaritans and the Gentiles, to whom Jesus did not preach, became the post-resurrection converts to his message. Was this evidence of a failure, or rather a revelation of the Holy Spirit's surprising plan?

In Luke's understanding, Jesus and Paul fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah. Isaiah was unique among the Old Testament prophets in predicting that the Jewish people would be part of God's plan to reveal his Divine truth to the entire world.

The Holy Spirit frees these early Christians from the confines of Jerusalem, the Temple, and even the Law of Moses, to bring the essential truth of the God revealed to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to the far corners of the earth.

May your Easter season be filled with joy!



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 7, 2024**

**EASTER NOVENA CARDS**

**CARDS** are available in the back of the church and in the church office for a Novena of Masses to be offered after Easter for the Living and Deceased. Please fill out the enclosed paper with the name of those to be remembered.

**PIA LIM, our receptionist since 2007**

Pia has officially retired! Her last day in the office was Tuesday, March 19th. She was gracious to extend our time with us to train her replacement. Thank you very much, Pia, for more than 16 years of service to the community of OSM Cathedral and Chinese Mission. Have a great life ahead! We hope you get to experience all the adventures you wanted to after retirement and hope you enjoy every bit of your life.

**Pia will be at the auditorium on April 7 during hospitality after the 9 am Mass to say goodbye. All are invited!**

Earl Fong is our new receptionist. He works Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. The email address to the front office is now receptionistatosm@gmail.com.

Earl is a retired software engineer who has been attending Old Saint Mary's with his wife for the past several years. In 2008 they walked the El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain for five hundred miles to arrive at the tomb of St James the Apostle. It took two months and was the trip of a lifetime.

**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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**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, or (415) 637-6409.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024**

**Campaign Goal : \$ 26,336.**  
**Payments Received : \$ 1580. (as of 4/02/24)**  
**Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 24,756.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**with Fr. Tom Tavella**

**Thursdays, 5PM**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09)  
**pwd=SUpxZHVCOU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT**  
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**Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610**

**Passcode : 016304**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**PLATINUM JUBILEE MASS and LUNCH CELEBRATION**

**FOR SR. NOREEN O'CONNOR, CSJ**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, 11:00am**  
**St. Monica's Church**

**Geary Blvd. at 24th Ave. San Francisco**

**RSVP for Jubilee Lunch Celebration:**

**Contact: Noreen McKiernan**

**415-254-9091**

**[SrNoreenJubilee@gmail.com](mailto:SrNoreenJubilee@gmail.com)**

The St. Monica - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community will celebrate a Jubilee Mass for the Platinum Jubilee of Sr. Noreen O'Connor, CSJ, marking an incredible 70 years of her devoted religious life educating and catechizing countless people, young and old(er)! From her roots as a Star of the Sea girl in the Inner Richmond to her later years at St. Thomas the Apostle in the Outer Richmond, Sr. Noreen has been a steadfast presence of faith and compassion.

You are invited to the celebration on Sunday, April 21 for the Jubilee Mass at 11:00am at St. Monica Church, followed by a delightful luncheon in the parish hall. Let's come together to honor Sister Noreen, whose life mirrors the virtues of St. Joseph as an advocate for peace and reconciliation.

RSVP by April 10, 2024.

**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK**  
**APRIL 6 - 13, 2024**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

5:00PM For All Souls Prayer  
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

9:00AM INTENTION - Caesar A. Limjoco  
INTENTION - Ruth Lydia L. Remo

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

12:05PM +Jennifer V. Aquino  
HEALING- Victor Tang

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

12:05PM HEALING - Victor Tang  
+Danielle Ryan

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

12:05PM INTENTION - Liam Jack Bautista  
HEALING - Victor Tang

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

12:05PM HEALING - Chad Thomson  
HEALING - Victor Tang

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

5:00PM +Dan McDaniel  
INTENTION - Robert Roche

**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



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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.

***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***