

# 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.

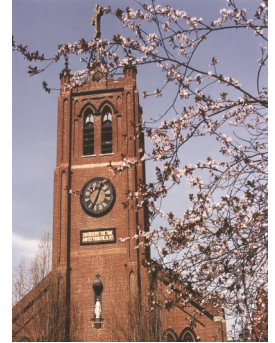


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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



## ADVENT IS MY FAVORITE SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



*I used to say Christmas was my favorite season, but I realized that what I like most about Christmas is Advent.*

*In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to be alert, to stay awake, to pay attention to what is happening in their lives and in their world. That's what Advent is about. There is a MOOD attached to the Advent season. Joyful expectation.*

*Much like a mother-to-be expecting the child she is to bring into the world. She may be going about many activities, but a part of her attention is always focusing on that new life that grows from about the size of a tiny seed.*

*And when she brings attention to that life growing within her, she feels a quiet joy. That's the mood of Advent. What are we expecting? What are we waiting for?*

*As a child, we waited eagerly for Christmas. We counted down the days! But as a child, our parents created Christmas for us. All we had to do was be surprised. As adults, we must create Christmas inside ourselves. If we don't, there's always something disappointing, something missing, about Christmas day itself.*

*Advent is how we can create Christmas for ourselves and others. Three ways to do this.*

1. Fast from noise and abstain from busyness.
  - give up smart phones and e-mail?
  - use the time to have slower meals and conversations with our family. Stop by to see an old friend we haven't seen for a while.
2. Nourish a place of silence outside and inside.
  - outside: take time to be out in nature. Watch sunrise or sunset. Look at the ocean. Go outside at night and look at the stars. Take a walk to enjoy the Christmas lights.
  - inside: take time for the prayer of listening to God with and in our hearts
3. Accept St. Nicholas as the patron saint of Advent. He provides us with a model of giving in secret, without calling attention to ourselves.
  - St. Nicholas reminds us: it's better to give than to receive.
  - spend time this Advent season being St. Nicholas.
  - give a secret gift to someone who doesn't expect it.
  - make an anonymous donation to your favorite charity.
  - use some of your time, talent, and treasure to bring joy to someone else's life without calling attention to yourself.

*If you follow these three practices during the Advent season, I can almost guarantee you that your Christmas will be more joyful, and more meaningful, than you could ever expect!*

**Paulist Fr. Joe Scott**

**FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 03, 2023**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023**

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.  
Payments Received : \$ 17,036. (as of 11/26)  
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 29,726.

**Retirement for Religious Second Collection**

NEXT WEEKEND, December 10<sup>th</sup> we will have the Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious!



**ALL ARE INVITED** to celebrate the Paulists 129<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 2023 after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses in the auditorium. The menu of the celebration includes

hotdogs, potato salad, chips, and desserts. Additionally, the slideshow of photos from the motherhouse Archives adds a personal and historical touch to the event, to reminisce and appreciate the journey of the Paulists over the years. For more information, contact Rachael Smit at 415.288.3800 / 415.288.3848. Email : rachael.660osm@gmail.com

**BE A BLESSING - HOST a TOY/GIFT DRIVE with CATHOLIC CHARITIES!**

Catholic Charities "Be a Blessing" campaign this Christmas provides toys and gifts to children and families through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can host a toy/gift drive at work, school, or home to benefit this program. Toys/gifts are needed for children from newborn babies to 16-year-old teenagers. Blankets, coats, hats, socks, as well as toiletry items and kitchen essentials are needed for our adults with disabilities and isolated seniors. Contact Darlene Wilson, Volunteer Manager at [dawilson@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:dawilson@CatholicCharitiesSF.org) OR, [Volunteers@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:Volunteers@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

**GABRIEL PROJECT ADVENT GIVING TREE**

During this Advent Season our parish will be participating on (Virtual) ON-LINE Giving Tree. The Gabriel Project Advent Giving Tree is a way to support pregnant women in need as we celebrate the season. Donations support Gabriel Project, which helps pregnant women throughout the year, through volunteers, or "angels", at parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese. You can support the Gabriel Project by choosing an item or several from the tree online. Your donations help women in need and their babies. To learn more and participate, click the link:

<https://sfarch.org/gabriel-project-advent-tree/>  
Contact : Maria Martinez-Mont, 415-614-5533



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Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**

4:30 - 5:00PM (Mini Concert)  
5:00PM Vigil Mass

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)**

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
(11AM English & Cantonese)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 01, 2024 (New Year's Day)**

11:00 AM (English & Cantonese)

**\*\*REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES AS USUAL\*\***

**SATURDAY, 5:00PM VIGIL MASS**

**SUNDAY, 9:00AM & 11:00AM**

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, December 07<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM

**READINGS : Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
IS 40:1-5, 9-11;2; PT 3:8-14; MARK 1: 1-8

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610  
Passcode : 016304

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK  
DECEMBER 02—09, 2023**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 02**

5:00PM +Francisco Limjoco  
PRAYER For All Souls

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03**

9:00AM +Rogelia Limjoco  
HEALING - Chad Thomson

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE  
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Napoleon Flores

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY—Victoria Chinn  
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06**

12:05PM +Patrocinio Limjoco  
BIRTHDAY - Henry Ng

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07**

11:00AM +Elvira Limjoco  
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 08**

12:05PM +Conrado Tioseco  
+Juan Bautista

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09**

5:00PM +Father David Pettingil  
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Healing & Recovery - Adrian Lebuffe

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,  
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***

