

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.

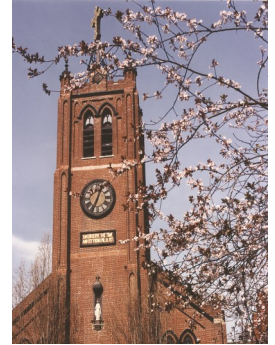


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

SHINE ON, SHINE ON HARVEST MOON:

A REFLECTION ON THE AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

The Chinese have celebrated the harvest during the Autumn moon since the Shang Dynasty a long, long, long time ago.

About such things, there is always a story. **"The Handbook of Chinese Mythology"** tells of an ambitious archer named Hou Yi, who, with his great skill, shot out nine of the ten suns, leaving only one for light. His people were so impressed by this that they made him their King. But he turned out to be a cruel tyrant, caring for no one but himself.

When he sought out a magic potion that would make him immortal, his wife Chang'e stole it, for she did not want her husband to inflict his cruelty on his people forever. She drank the potion herself, and fled to the moon, where she would become its immortal spirit. Thereafter, people offered sacrifices to the moon every Autumn to commemorate Chang'e's action. The name of this festival in Cantonese is Jung-chau Jit.

Like the Lunar New Year, the Autumn Moon Festival is a fun time to celebrate the great gift we San Franciscans, and all Americans have received from the Chinese people, in fact, in all Asian people. Every day we benefit from the talents of Chinese American doctors, restaurant chefs and business owners. Old St. Mary's Cathedral would simply not exist without all that our Chinese parishioners have contributed.

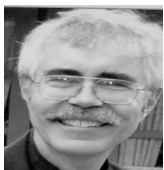
We Catholics don't worship the moon as a god or goddess. But we can respect and even enjoy the moon as one of the mysterious delights of God's creation. St. Francis of Assisi had a wise insight when he spoke of his (and ours) relation to these created beings as **"Brother Sun"** and **"Sister Moon."**

They are a bit different. The sun is direct light. We depend on the sun to live, but we don't have much fun with the sun. It's true, we can bask in the warmth of the sun in leisure moments, but we must be very careful of sun burn and sun cancer.

It may be that we most enjoy the light of the sun when we are looking at the moon. The moon has no light of its own. It's completely dark. What we call moonlight is truthfully the sun's light reflecting off the earth's surface. But, in a way, the moon's surface charms the light of the sun, making it seem warmer and softer to us. We don't think of the sun as being romantic. That's the task of the moon.

As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, the moon can evoke in our spirits the feminine nature living in each of us, a **"sister"** (somewhat like Chang'e?) who seeks self-giving love, not war.

So enjoy the mooncakes and dragons and all the fun of the Autumn Moon Festival. Perhaps these festivities can remind us of Jesus' invitation to be a light to the world, a light the darkness cannot overcome.



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

VOCATION RETREAT for SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 18-40

WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU? Explore your VOCATION with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. See what being a Sister is all about. **September 29 – October 01, 2023 in Los Altos Hills, CA.** Stay with us *Pray with us *Ask questions *Get to know us *Become your best self *Live your best life. For Single Catholic Women 18-40. For more information go to—
www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/



ON LOK PACE, (<https://onlok.org>), will be hosting hospitality in the auditorium after the 9AM & 11AM Masses on September 17, 2023. Come chat with their friendly bilingual representatives and learn more about the PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) program and other comprehensive services this non-profit organization offers Bay Area seniors at no additional cost for medical recipients.

安樂居將會在9月17日上午9點和上午11點彌撒後，與大家見面，希望到時可以見到你們解答你們對安樂居長者全面護理計劃的問題。

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, September 14, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, September 17, 2023
SIR 27:30 - 28:7; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18: 21-35

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 13,523. (*as of 9/05*)
Less Payments Received : \$ 33,240.

FALL ZOOM TALK
A FALL SPIRITUAL REFLECTION
With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

As we enter the autumnal season of change we reflect on changes that may and will take place in us if we are faithful to the spiritual practice on a daily basis. Some changes are stormy and chilling, but some are full of light and warmth.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 | 9:00AM (MDT)
Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus
14th Street & Mapleton Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304

Join Zoom Meeting -

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Meeting ID: 823 3584 5901

Passcode: 403982

There will be refreshments and the talk will be recorded. For more information, call 303-442-6158.



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SUNDAY COFFEE
 HOUR with Fr. Tom
Tavella will return
between SEPTEMBER
and OCTOBER!

Mass Intentions For The Week

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(September 09 - 16, 2023)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

5:00PM +Kenneth Brenner
+Geraldine Borick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00AM +Margaret Ann Cameron
HEALING - Jonah Makai Dulay

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY
HEALING - Francis & Irene
HEALING - Lidia Lam

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:05PM PRAYER For World Peace
+Antonio Garcia

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:05PM +Tung Kook Lee Chau
HEALING & RECOVERY- Roxy Lim

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Kathleen Aquino
+Pierre Becquet

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:05PM +Ramon Polamares
THANKSGIVING & BLESSINGS - Joel Rivera

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00PM +Rosalia Bautista
INTENTION for the Paulist Fathers

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



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



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