

# 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.

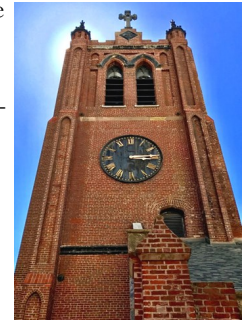


**A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS**



## **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.

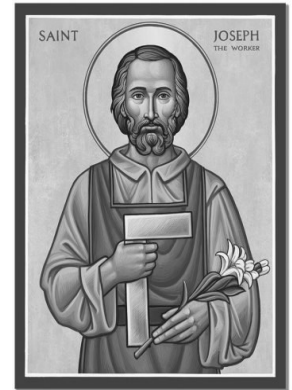


# WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## MARCH 19 IS ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

A Reflection by Paulist Father Joe Scott

St. Joseph is a fascinating character in the stories of Jesus' birth, because we learn so few details about his life, yet know everything we need to know. He is a quiet man who never utters a word in the Scriptures. We learn that he is a descendent of David, but Matthew and Luke confuse matters by giving us different names for his father. Matthew's gospel calls Joseph "a righteous man," meaning that he observed the Law of Moses carefully. He lived and died as an observant Jew.



Jesus is referred to in the gospel of Mark as a carpenter, and in the gospel of Matthew as the son of a carpenter. This is to be expected, as sons, particularly first born, inherited the trade of their father. The Greek word "tekton" can simply imply a worker in wood or stone (the latter being the building material more commonly found in Galilee). In a small village like Nazareth (about 200 townspeople in Jesus' time), a carpenter could have been as poor as a farmer or shepherd. Jesus grew up in a home whose only abundance was love.

Matthew tells us that Joseph treated his betrothed with tact and consideration, "unwilling to expose her to shame." In the Middle East, shame was the worst thing that could happen to you, and it spilled over to your family as well. These few words of Matthew reveal that this man was someone, of whatever age, able to step beyond his own hurt and confusion to do what was best for the woman with whom he hoped to build a future.

The Scriptures do not tell us how long Joseph lived, or how he died, or in what way he was present to the lives of his household in Nazareth. What they do tell us is how the image of "father" played a crucial role in enlivening the heart of Jesus.

Perhaps his most memorable parable told of a father who yearns for his wayward son, with a love beyond condition, who, at the first rumor of his return home, hurried down the road to meet him more than halfway.

Jesus called God "abba", an intimate and affectionate term for one's father. He urged his disciples to see God as their "abba" as well, to feel welcome in the home of one who had prepared a place for them, like a carpenter crafting a hearth and home. In his quiet, faithful way, Joseph must have fostered an awareness in the child Jesus that the meaning of life is to be found in self-sacrificing love. If so, he played a more important part than we may realize in the story of his adopted son.

**FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT  
MARCH 19, 2023**

Please join us this Sunday, March 19, 2023 for a Pancake Breakfast after each Mass at 9:00AM and 11:00AM. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, coffee and tea. Donations are most welcome! See you all!



Long time parishioner, Frank Damante passed away on Thursday, March 09, 2023. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 25, at 1:00PM here at Old Mary's. Please keep Frank and his family in your prayers.

**FRIDAYS of LENT 6:15PM (PST)**

Fr. Tom is inviting you to Stations of the Cross for Lent. (March 17, 24,31)

Join ZOOM Meeting :

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**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with  
FR. TOM TAVELLA**

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318

Passcode: 809416



**FR. TERRY RYAN TEACHING**

Wednesdays, March 22, April 5, 2023

2:00 PM Mountain Time

[stbenedictsretreathouse.com](http://stbenedictsretreathouse.com)

OR, Zoom 367 360 7803 | Password : Lent

The contemplative and others who are trying to let go of things can find Lent to be a good time for LESS. Some people fast, or go to special worship services, or do special good works to help others. This is all good, but it can also add to what may already be a too busy life. Then you might be glad when Lent is over. How about trying for less noise, chaos, constant efforts to accomplish things that are not as necessary as you might otherwise think. God creates time. We use it. Lent can be a time of more stillness, silence and solitude. It is only for 40 days. Try it on and see how it fits.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
Thursday, March 23, 5:00PM**

READINGS : Sunday, March 26, 2023

EZ 37: 12-14 | ROM 8: 8-11 | JN 11: 1-45

Join ZOOM Meeting :

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**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



**MARCH 18 - 25, 2023**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

5:00PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family  
THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

9:00AM HEALING - Ferdinand Aquino  
THANKSGIVING - Melvin Chan

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING - Rachel Telles  
+Alphonse Chan

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

12:05PM HEALING - Ferdinand Aquino  
+Frank & Diane Damante

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

12:05PM +Gabriella Curridori

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

12:05PM IN MEMORY of +Peter Chan

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

12:05PM IN MEMORY of +Helen Lee

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

5:00PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Aquilina Chavez

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP  
Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Christian Bocobo, Frankie Chios

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,  
APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Passion (PALM) Sunday**

**5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass)**

**9:00 AM Mass**

**11:00 AM (Bilingual Mass - -  
English / Cantonese)**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 04**

**12:05 PM Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05**

**12:05 PM Mass**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 06**

**6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 07**

**(Passion of the Lord)**

**3:00 PM In English**

**6:00 PM In Cantonese**

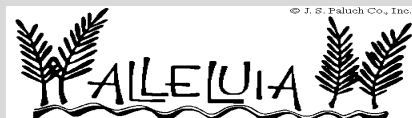
**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 08**

**No Mass this day**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 09**

**9:00 AM Mass**

**11:00 AM Bilingual Mass - -  
(English & Cantonese)**



### ***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 Will  
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***

