

# 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.

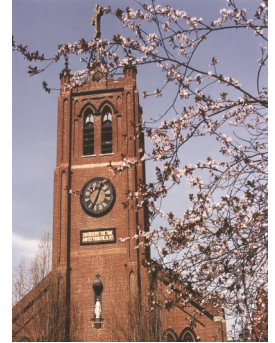


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE? A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

My first assignment after ordination was to St. Mark's University parish near Santa Barbara. As the youngster on the parish staff, I was delegated to be one of the chaperons on a trip for the teenagers to Magic Mountain, an amusement park about two hours distant. All went well until two of the teenagers disappeared. It turned out the older sister had convinced the younger to hide out so they could spend the night exploring the many amusements all by themselves. Magic Mountain may have been their idea of the Temple in Jerusalem.

When our bus returned home with the other passengers, I and another chaperon stayed. We learned a lot about Magic Mountain security. The Park closed at midnight during which all the exits were watched. When every customer departed, the guards went to work. The teenagers' parents had been notified and were already on their way to Valencia. In those days Rt. 126 was considered the most dangerous night driving in California, all winding roads, and no lights. Not encouraging to a parents' patience.

The Park guards located our lost sheep about 1:30 am. Yes, they had found a great hiding place! All ended happily, but I imagine this was a night when there was not much sleeping in heavenly peace for either the two sisters or their parents.

Luke's story tells us that Jesus went into the Temple when he was twelve years old--about the same age as those young sisters who decided to break free from the constraints of adult rule. Mary and Joseph are relieved to find him, but I've always wondered what sort of scolding they gave Jesus on their way home to Nazareth.

The Catholic Scripture scholar Raymond Brown notes that the stories of Jesus' birth are always about his adult life and mission. His actions as a child forecast his actions as Messiah and Son of God. In Mark's gospel, there is a surprising story about Jesus' mother and blood relatives looking for him because they think he is "out of his mind." They want to put him away somewhere where he won't cause any trouble. (Mark 3:21...31-34).

Jesus' not surprising response is that his true mother and brothers and sisters are his disciples. We Catholics have made the Feast of the Holy Family a celebration of our families and of family life. Jesus doesn't provide much Scriptural basis for this. He often speaks of family ties as one of the worldly allegiances tempting his disciples to look backward. Did his own family life hold tensions we'd rather not remember?

With all of that, the story of young Jesus in the Temple dismissing the fears of his worried and distraught parents strikes us as true to life. When a young couple open their love to share with offspring, they open themselves to a world of pain. The cute baby who challenges our sleep will grow up to be the daughter who refuses to set foot in our church, or the perfect son who hesitatingly reveals to us that he is gay. Parenthood—life, in fact--breaks our hearts, but only (in order) to break them open. Can we love whom we can't control? Can we affirm a goodness revealed in a way different from our own familiar paths? This is the very dilemma confronting Mary and Joseph in hearing the demanding words of their far from docile son—much as it confronts parents in every time and place.

Jesus' words bear a challenge even for those of us who are not parents. If we want to be good Catholic Christians, we must grow beyond our comfort zone. Twelve-year-old Jesus speaks to me urging: "Grow up. Stop clinging to your immaturity. Work hard to overcome your prejudices, your resentments, your selfishness. Forgive. Be generous. Reach out to include the person you don't know, and the person you don't love. Do my father's work, which is love itself."

***Fr. Joe Scott, CSP***

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023**

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.  
Payments Received : \$ 20,835.. (as of 12/18)  
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 25,927.

**STATEMENT OF DONATION**

If you would like a Statement of your Donation to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2023, please contact Pia Lim at (415) 288 3800 or piaosm660@gmail.com

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](mailto:johnardis@paulist.org).

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALK for LIFE WEST COAST**

January 20, 2024. Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 20th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Archbishop Cordileone will begin the day with a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption at 11:00AM. The program starts at San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza at 12:30PM and the two-mile Walk down Market Street to Embarcadero Plaza. For more information visit the website at [www.WalkforLifeWC.com](http://www.WalkforLifeWC.com) or call (415) 658 1793.

Email : [info@WalkforLifeWC.com](mailto:info@WalkforLifeWC.com)

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**

Thursday, January 04, 2024 | 5:00PM

**SUNDAY READINGS : JANUARY 07<sup>th</sup>**

IS 60: 1-6; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6, MT 2: 1-12

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=-SUPxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, MENLO PARK**

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, 650-325-5614

**Vallombrosa is open and is accepting bookings.**

**Private Retreats:** Vallombrosa Center currently offers private retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with spiritual direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both day retreats and overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – learn more and book above.

Group Reservations/Booking Contact: Jaynie Fedele at [jaynie@vallombrosa.org](mailto:jaynie@vallombrosa.org)

Private Retreats/Open to the Public Events: Jaynie Fedele [jaynie@vallombrosa.org](mailto:jaynie@vallombrosa.org)

**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.

February 10 | April 13 | June 15

August 10 | October 19 | December 14

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**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK  
DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 06, 2024**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

5:00PM +Grace Caramanno  
+Andrew Ferraninni, Jr.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9:00AM BIRTHDAY - Ariel Silva  
INTENTION - John Michael Bautista

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**  
+Dante Brunetti  
+Dominick Fanelli

**MONDAY, JANUARY 01, 2024**

11:00AM +Dante Brunetti  
+Dominick Fanelli  
PRAYER for World Peace  
THANKSGIVING - Mary Nham

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 02**

12:05PM +Sofia Irene Cresencia  
GOOD HEALTH - Dawn Ng

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03**

12:05PM +Francisco Aquino, Sr.  
GOOD HEALTH - Jamie Ong

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 04**

12:05PM +Emiliano Aquino, Sr.  
GOOD HEALTH - Juliana Low

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 05**

12:05PM +Felicidad M. Aquino  
GOOD HEALTH - Mabel Chan

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 06**

5:00PM THANKSGIVING - Maria Siu-Ling Eng  
+Aleck Vanhook  
PRAYER For All Souls

***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***

