

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.

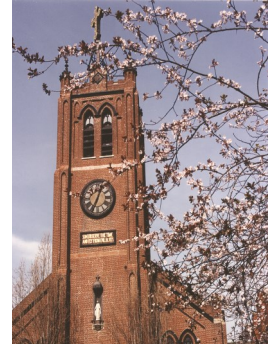


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

RESTING: A REFLECTION ON ADVENT BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

Something to think about--in the Genesis story of creation, God works hard for six days. On each of the six days we witness God's creative power at work, shaping, and fastening from morning to evening.

Then on the seventh day God RESTS. Period. It's true, in the Book of Genesis, God expects human beings to take up the slack. He gives some directions, but he's not there most of the time.

Where does God go? Where-ever God is, he's resting. He's resting and sometimes he's listening. People appeal their needs to God and expect to be answered, but they're not always satisfied by God's answers, or sense of timing.

Just think: you and I almost never have time to pray. Yet, when we're in trouble, at any time of the day or night, we expect God to be there, listening.

My question is: if God rests so much, why do we have to be so busy? When we hear heaven described as "eternal rest" or listen to the priest pray "rest in peace" we don't like it. We think of resting as being bored and boring.

We Americans have a voice inside saying, "don't be lazy." It helps us most of the time, but it can hurt us as well. God worked from 9 to 5, six days of the week, but then God took time off to savor his handiwork at leisure. A lot of us never think about taking a vacation or even a day off. We're afraid if we're not busy we'll miss something. But if we ARE busy, all the time, we miss our family and friends. We miss God.

To be frank, resting is necessary to love someone. When couples date, they spend plenty of leisure time together. They discover each other while having fun. After the vows are taken, it can seem like a lot of work. Couples who forget to rest with each other can forget to love. It takes practice and commitment to do nothing.

God not only rests, but God is also quiet. We talk a lot, and even our prayers are sometimes just talking, but God seldom talks. Instead, God knocks quietly on the door of our hearts. Most of the time, it's we who are too busy to answer.

What does God DO? God doesn't DO anything. God waits. God waits like the young woman expecting her first child.

God waits like the young child eagerly awaiting the coming of Santa. Because he's waiting, God has time to wait on us. He's eager to listen because each of us is part of his story. God waits for the time when the lowly will be raised up and the divided made one.

Can we survive in heaven if there's no work to do? If we need to rest to love, isn't loving what heaven is truly about? What if we had all the leisure, we needed to spent time with the people we truly love? What if EVERYONE turned out to be the people we truly love? That would be heaven!

This Advent--rest. Yes, November and December are the busiest months of the year. More reason to rest. If you can't find rest on the outside, find ways to rest on the inside. What are you waiting for?

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP



THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023
Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 19,935. (as of 12/12)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 26,827.

FLOWER ENVELOPES are now available in the church. Please help decorate our church for CHRISTMAS by contributing the flower fund. You may donate in Memory of or in Honor of someone you care about. That's a wonderful way to say "Merry Christmas."



OSM CALENDARS for 2024 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH. WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO TAKE ONE!

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, December 21st, 5:00PM

SUNDAY READINGS : DECEMBER 24TH
2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; ROM 16:25-27;
LUKE 1: 26-38

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610
Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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& Chinese Mission

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th (Christmas Eve)

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th (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



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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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

MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
DECEMBER 16 - 23, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00PM IN MEMORY of Don & Eileen Kreps
INTENTION - Tinellhing Aquino
HEALING - Chad Thomson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00AM BIRTHDAY - Gloria Raymundo
BIRTHDAY - Henry Ng
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
IN LOVING MEMORY - Martin P. Lombardi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:05PM DECEASED MEMBERS - Choy Family
HEALING - Chad Thomson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:05PM FOR the POOR SOULS in PURGATORY
+Mr. & Mrs. Kong Kuan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Ma Sze Kee
+Mr. & Mrs. Kong Kuan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:05PM +Lena Young
+Mr. & Mrs. Kong Kuan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00PM +Yip Lo Ying
HEALING - Viechel Hunter

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

