

# 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.

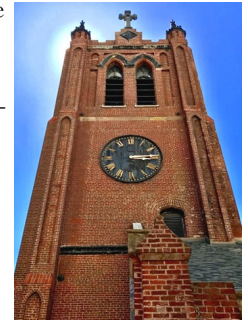


**A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS**



## 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

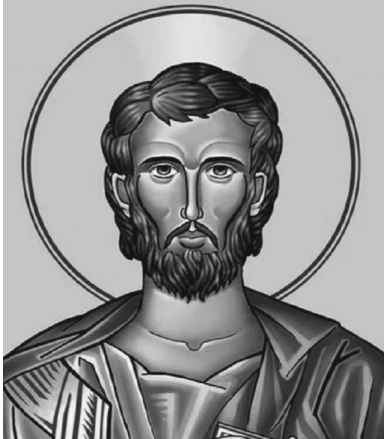
## OFFICE HOURS

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



## **MUST WE HATE JUDAS?**

**A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT**

One of the problems we have with Judas is that the writers of the four gospels—and possibly all their Christian contemporaries—hated him. The betrayer of Jesus became the ultimate symbol of evil. All we know about Judas comes from the four gospels. Did he exchange Jesus' life for thirty pieces of silver? Did he steal from the money the disciples set aside for the poor? Did he commit suicide, in those days viewed (MOST regrettably) as one of the greatest of sins?

We only know what the gospel writers tell us. (I've often wondered which of them was around to witness Judas hanging himself!).

Who was Judas the child of God, a young man who heard the words of Jesus and wanted to follow in his footsteps, one of the twelve apostles whom Jesus considered so trustworthy he put him in charge of the group's money? We have forgotten him.

As the years went by, and Christians were more likely to be Gentile than Jewish, the figure of Judas (the Jew) became an excuse for harassing or killing the Jews of their own time. Good Friday became the opportunity for a bloodbath organized by pious Christians,

Reading these accounts, perhaps especially in the gospel of John, I wonder if the gospel writers were failing to honor one of Jesus' greatest words of challenge: "Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you." I don't blame them—they were only human. But if they hated Judas, must we?

The only words Jesus voiced on the subject were ironically on the cross: "Father, forgive THEM, for they know not what they are doing." I take "them" to refer to everyone who was part of that sorry day, including the bad thief as well as the good, including Judas.

What if we celebrated "Spy Wednesday", the unforgiving name often given to the Wednesday of Holy Week, as a day of Judas' birthday into heaven, not from his own efforts but from God's grace and Jesus' graceful forgiveness? What would change in us, in our imagination, in our hearts?

**CELEBRATING 169 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL**

**FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023**

A BIG **THANK YOU** to Mr. Ron Ng and his team of volunteers who made last Sunday's Pancake Breakfast a SUCCESS! Thank You All!!!

**PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY, APRIL 02nd**

Blessing of the Palms will take place at the beginning of Mass inside the church.

**EASTER NOVENA CARDS**

CARDS are available in the back of the church and in the church office for a Novena of Masses to be offered after Easter for the Living and Deceased. Please fill out the enclosed paper with the name of those to be remembered.

Suggested Offering : \$10.00

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Help us decorate the church for Easter, at the same time honor or memorialize a loved one. If you wish to make a contribution for Easter Flowers, envelopes in the back of the church are available for this purpose. THANK YOU!

**REFLECTIONS ON THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE**

**FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP**

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**9:00AM Mountain Time**

**Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church  
14th Street & Mapleton Ave.  
Boulder, Colorado 80304**

**In-Person and on Zoom 367 360 7803  
Password: Boulder**

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

It is the Easter Season. Christians celebrate that Jesus Christ is Risen., In the power of the Holy Spirit he reveals what it is to be fully alive over against rejection, prejudice, selfishness and a human condition that rejects Life fully lived in this Spirit. How can the contemplative life of prayer and daily living help us to access this same Spirit that is alive within us?

Refreshments will be provided, hopefully. There is no charge but donations are welcome. There will be an opportunity for group silent meditation at the end of the presentation. For more information call 303-442-6158.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA  
Thursday, March 30, 5:00PM**

**READINGS : Sunday, April 02, 2023**

**MT 21:1-11 | IS 50::4-7 | PHIL 2:6-11 | MT 26:14—27:66**

Join ZOOM Meeting :

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**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week** 

**MARCH 25 - April 01, 2023**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

**5:00PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Aquilina Chavez**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

**9:00AM BIRTHDAY - Esmeralda Ibasco  
IN MEMORY of +Helen Lee**

**11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
For the Repose of the Soul of Alphonse Chan  
with his beloved wife Helena  
INTENTION - The Smith Family**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

**12:05PM INTENTION - Johnny Bautista  
+Faustino Rigor**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

**12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Marcelino Silva**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

**12:05PM +Kyle Nathan Arnold**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

**12:05PM HEALING - Ferdinand Aquino**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 01**

**5:00PM In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Law  
For All Souls Mass Offering**

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP  
Milt Commons, 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**

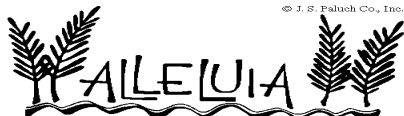
**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 08**

**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***

