

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.

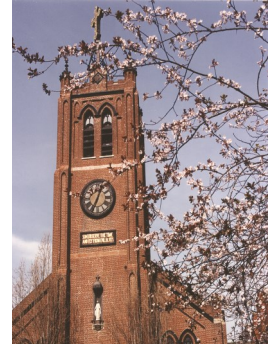


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

IF I GET TO HEAVEN, I DON'T WANT TO SEE GOD

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

If I get to heaven, I don't want to see God there.

Let me explain. My first image of God, from the old catechism, was a drawing called "the Beatific Vision." It pictured God as an old white man with a long white beard, sitting on a grand throne, and attended by angels acting as His servants.

I'm not that interested in seeing him. I don't want St. Peter greeting me at the Pearly Gates either.

If I get to heaven, I want to be welcomed by Mary Magdalene. I see Mary Magdalene as someone just filled with the kind of love that can endure any obstacle. She was the only one to greet Jesus when he rose from the dead. None of the other apostles were there, including Peter. I want to be greeted by someone filled with that much love.

After the Magdalene, I want to see all those whom I have loved and who have loved me and taught me, sometimes painfully, how to love. I want to see them because I want to give thanks to each one of them. There are so many whose love I took for granted in my life, and I have so much for which to be thankful.

Next, I need to see those whom I need to forgive, and especially those from whom I need to ask forgiveness. Those whose hearts I hurt, because they loved me more than my heart could bear.

For this, I need Peter—no, not St. Peter, but Sinner Peter. Peter knew what it was like to shed tears over his failure to love. I've shed my share of tears over my foolish hardness of heart, and I want my fellow sinner Peter to be there with me to teach me how to forgive and how to accept the forgiveness I don't deserve, but for which I still hope.

Finally, I need to face my enemies, those I never did like and those who never did like me. To be truthful, even now, I honestly don't want their forgiveness, and I'm sure not ready to forgive them.

For this, I need Jesus. I need the Jesus who tells me: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." Even more importantly, I need the Jesus who was surrounded by enemies on the cross, folks who were laughing at him, making fun of his suffering and death, and of his helplessness, and with his dying breath, he forgave every one of them. Jesus, I truly NEED you for this one!

If they do let me pass through those Pearly Gates, I'm still not sure if I want to see that old white man presiding over heaven on his grand throne. But I, and we, must be open to surprises!



Paulist Fr. Joe Scott

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for a Mass at 12:05PM on the day!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 15,856. (as of 11/20)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 30,907.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

129th PAULIST FATHERS ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, December 10, 2023, after the 9AM & 11AM Masses.

We will celebrate the 129th Paulist Fathers Anniversary in our parish. For more details, contact Rachael Smit at 415-288-3848.
Email : rachael.660asm@gmail.com

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



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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

11:00 AM New Year's Day Mass
(English & Cantonese)

****REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES AS USUAL****

SATURDAY, 5:00PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, November 30th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, December 03, 2023

IS 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; 1COR 1:3-9;
MARK 13: 33-37

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610
Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 02, 2023

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00PM INTENTION - Ferdinand Aquino
+Keith Trondson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00AM +Francisco M. Aquino
HEALING - Chad Thomson

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
BIRTHDAY - Henry Ng

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:05PM +Francisco Llacer
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Vener Sison

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Joseph Asher Silva
HEALING - Viechel Hunter

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

11:00AM BIRTHDAY - +Ma,Fung Yuet Wan
INTENTION - Perla Bautista
DEATH ANNIV. - +Cresencia Jimeno

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01 (First Friday)

12:05PM MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY
INTENTION - Albert Bautista

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 02

5:00PM +Francisco Limjoco
FOR All Souls Mass Offering

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

