

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.

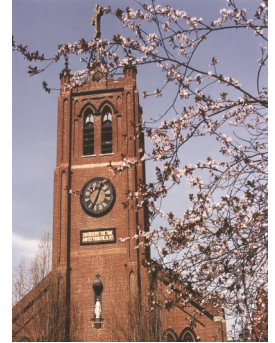


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS DAY 2023

Some years ago, an American family visited Australia. A little girl came up to their young son and said, "You guys are from America." You're so lucky—you have Halloween!

Yes, we have Halloween. This year, Waverly Place in Chinatown will host its annual costume party for the children. There will still be lots of candy and goblins and outer space people and masks.

Our experience of Halloween has always been in a state of evolution. My parents, who were children during the Great Depression, remembered a devilish night of soaping windows and dressing trees with toilet paper. After World War II, Halloween was both domesticated and commercialized. My generation gave up the tricks to receive more treats. We were on our best behavior as we showed off our costumes and knocked with eagerness on our neighbor's doors. Our parents got involved in protecting their little witches and pirates against the dark--and may have snatched away a piece or two of the candy for themselves.

Meanwhile the costumes and house decorations kept getting flashier and more expensive. Small farmers soon made most of their year's income selling pumpkins throughout October. For retail stores this Autumn holiday season begins on August 30 and launches what is normally the most lucrative season of the year ending on Christmas Eve.

There is no question that Halloween is an American festival ever growing in visibility. But is it a CHRISTIAN festival? Yes, we learn that the name Halloween means the Eve of All Hallows (the Holy Ones) or All Saint's Day. But is there any meaningful connection between the Eve and the Feast?

All Saints Day was originally All Martyr's Day. It commemorated those who had followed Jesus in giving life itself for the sake of the gospel. What the martyrs endured was as bloody and gory as the shocks lurking in any haunted house. Each martyr had undergone a personal nightmare that ended with an awakening into Christ's triumphant life. The early Christians celebrated the Feast of All Martyrs during the Easter season, connecting in their memories the scary but inspiring trials of Saints Agnes and Lucy and Sebastian and Justin with the death and resurrection of Christ.

After the Roman persecutions ended, at the beginning of the Fourth Century, followers of Jesus realized that they could live a long life and die peacefully in their beds and still become saints in the eyes of God. They observed good people of great love all around them and realized that their lives deserved to be remembered and in fact emulated. All Martyrs Day became All Saints Day.

The Ninth Century brought another important change. The Feast of All Saints was moved from the Easter Season to November 1. Many had been baptized Christians in the Celtic lands of Ireland, Wales and Scotland. In late Autumn these people observed Samhain. It arrived when the nights were getting longer and the days shorter and colder. Winter and death were at the doorstep. It was a time to fear the evil spirits who could take control of one's life. Moving All Hallow Day to November 1 had the effect of baptizing this time of fear and darkness, transforming it into a season of hope for the Celtic peoples. The dark night of Samhain became the Eve (or Vigil) of all Hallow.

Halloween can lead us to All Saint's Day. It's the one day of the year (except perhaps Christmas) when we Americans grant value to unseen spirits. And a core aspect of our Catholic way is faith in things unseen.

If we believe in the power of invisible germs to purge and destroy, we can hope in the unseen promise of the right vaccine. If we can believe in devils, we can believe in angels. If we can believe in witches, we can believe in saints. If we can believe in ghosts, we can believe in the Holy Ghost, who is the invisible Spirit of God's visibly communal love.

Halloween is also the one day of the year we as a culture acknowledge the reality of death. Every other day we labor mightily to deny it. The Covid brought death and our human vulnerability our front pages for a while but as the worse days of the virus now seem hopefully past, it's easy to return to that place where something in us turns away and fogs our awareness. **75% of Americans die without a valid will. We tend to say, "if I die" rather than "when I die."**

Catholics put off receiving the Anointing of the Sick until they're certain they're on death's door. We Californians build our cemeteries as far away and as out of the way as possible. Who among us ever drives to Colma for a picnic?

But Halloween we dare to look at coffins and may even decorate our front yard with one. We dress ourselves in white sheets. We can look death in the face and can even amuse ourselves with our fear because deep down inside our hearts, we know that the grave is NOT the end God has in store for us.

A most perceptive Catholic, Page McKean Bronski, has written: "Halloween is like our Mardi Gras before a very serious Lent. We should be able to laugh at our dark side and dress up in costumes and have parties. Let's reclaim our heritage with all the story power, creativity, and joyous good fun we can. Let's use it to help us become the saints we are called to be."

Paulist Fr. Joe Scott

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 22, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 15,011. (as of 10/17)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 31,751.



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.

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, October 26, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, October 29, 2023
EX 22: 20-26; 1THES 1:5c-10; MT 22: 34-40

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



MEMORIAL MASS & HEALING LITURGY
For Miscarriage and Infant Loss

SATURDAY, November 18 at 10:00AM, St. Dominic Catholic Church, 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA. Celebrated by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ.

Please join us for a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, birth, or early infant death.

RSVP : sfarch.org/event/miscarriage-mass-2023.

Or email questions to prolife@sfarch.org

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Special Collection
October 22, 2023

TODAY, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "hearts on fire, feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!



The Advent of the Light

With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 AM Mountain Time

Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus

14th Street and Mapleton Avenue

Boulder, CO 80304

Also on Zoom at

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Many people under 30 are beginning to search for something beyond or beneath the secular solutions to fulfillment. Power, control, esteem, material possessions, and location do not seem to be enough. In this season of gathering winter darkness, the Church prepares for the Season of Advent, a Light coming into the Darkness. This Light is within us, and has always been there, but too much ignored. Let us see how this Light can lead us into a sense of fulfilling union with our Creator.

The talk will be recorded. Donations welcome.

For more information call 303-442-6158

NOONTIME CONCERTS San Francisco's Musical

Lunch Break LIVE! Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's at 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit www.noontimeconcerts.org, or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, (415) 637-6409.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 21 - 28, 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00PM INTENTION - Emilio Ortega
+Luciana Odulio San Vicente

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00AM +Lydia Remo
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING - Juliana Low

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:05PM INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.
+Leo Mangola

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:05PM INTENTION - Alicia Hovarth Aquino
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:05PM INTENTION - John Abrera
+Pelagio R. Satsatin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:05PM INTENTION - Albert Ambat
+Fr. Benedict Goesch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00PM +Jean Quinn
+Bp. David O'Connell
INTENTION - Francisco Limjoco, Jr.

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Catalina &
Regina Bautista, 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, Francis & Irene, Verceles Family, Celina
& Angie



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

