

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854)

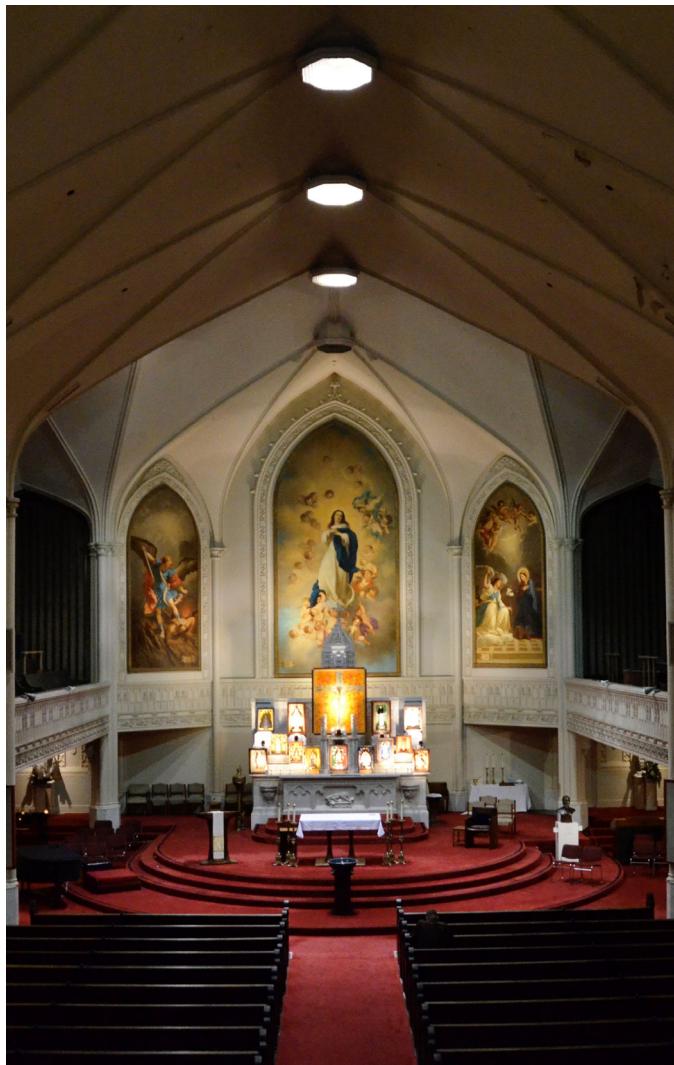
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

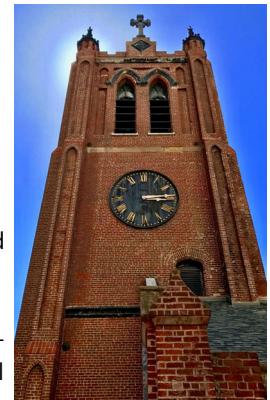


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP

Parish Receptionist:
Pia Lim

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.



All Are Welcome

Notes from the Paulist



BORN INTO CHRIST

In a long remembered Christmas Eve homily, the 13th



century Dominican priest Meister Eckhart spoke of the birth of Christ as an earthly event taking place in Bethlehem over a thousand years ago, but also as an eternal rebirth for all times and all places. But then he reflected, "what does it

avail me if this birth takes place unceasingly and yet does not take place within myself? It is quite fitting, however, that it should take place in me." In other words, the birth of Christ in MY mind and heart and action is what Christmas is all about.

According to Eckhart, Mary, the mother of Jesus, shows us what this means: "*If Mary had not first given spiritual birth to God, he would never have been born bodily from her.*"

Is this not the meaning of Mary's words: "*Be it done to me according to your word?*" No one can say such words without having to some degree mastered their ego and placed their hearts in God's hands. Jesus speaks the same words confronting the forces of evil and death in the garden of Gethsemane: *Father, if it be your will, let his cup pass away from me, but your will, not mine, be done.*"

Did Jesus learn this prayer from his mother Mary? I believe this to be a prayer Mary must have prayed long before she met the angel Gabriel, and I suspect the child Jesus heard his mother praying a prayer like this whenever she confronted the trials of her own life. The Divine cannot be born within us unless we have worked very hard to put God first in all matters. We must crucify our selfishness before we can face any manner of crucifixion life will offer us.

Put in another way, every mother must endure a forsaking of her own comfort and security before she can bring a child into the world.

The only thing that makes this bearable is her willingness and indeed desire to give birth, to bring life.

For this reason, I've never believed in the pious old legend that the blessed mother was exempted from the pains of childbirth. Whatever for?

Like her son Jesus, and like many a mother, Mary was ready to face the mysteries of the future out of her love for the child stirring in her womb.

To prepare for this Christmas, pray: what needs to be born in me, here and now? What goodness have I been hiding within myself that needs to come alive? What life must I bring into this world, in order for others to see Jesus there?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY, December 24th**
 - 4:40 - 5:00PM Mini Christmas Carols
 - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
(Traditional Christmas Music with Cantor)
- SATURDAY, December 25th**
 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
(11AM—Bilingual Mass)
- SATURDAY, January 01, 2022**
 - 12:05 PM New Year's Day Mass

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR
With FR. TOM TAVELLA
Sundays, 4PM (PT)
Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513
Passcode: 003859



Respect Life Essay Contest

The 33rd Annual Respect Life Essay Contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in public school, private school, and home school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The theme this year is Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. Essays will be due on January 31, 2022. To participate, parents, educators and children can go to sfarch.org/essay-contest or contact prolife@sfarch.org.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (December 18-25, 2021)

SATURDAY, December 18

5:00PM † Lourdes Curata
†Fe Laurel Limjoco

SUNDAY, December 19

9:00AM †Connor Joseph O'Brien
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
INTENTIONS - Yat Ping Wong & Family

TUESDAY, December 21

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - †Ma Zse Kee

WEDNESDAY, December 22

12:05PM †Lena Young

THURSDAY, December 23

12:05PM †INTENTIONS - Paulist Fathers

FRIDAY, December 24

5:00PM †INTENTIONS - Stephen & Mary Gdovin
INTENTIONS - Angela Antrim

SATURDAY, December 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

9:00AM Celebration of Life - †Cresencia Jimeno
11:00AM †Peter Chan

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends - - -
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina
Bautista, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Tina & Bob Panelli



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021



BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

December 23, 2021, 5:00PM (PST)

READINGS for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021
(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; COL 3: 12-21; LUKE 2: 41-52

1SM 1: 20-22, 24-28; 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LUKE 2: 41-52

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910
Passcode: 332406



ALL ARE INVITED!

We Welcome . . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders
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

