

# OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

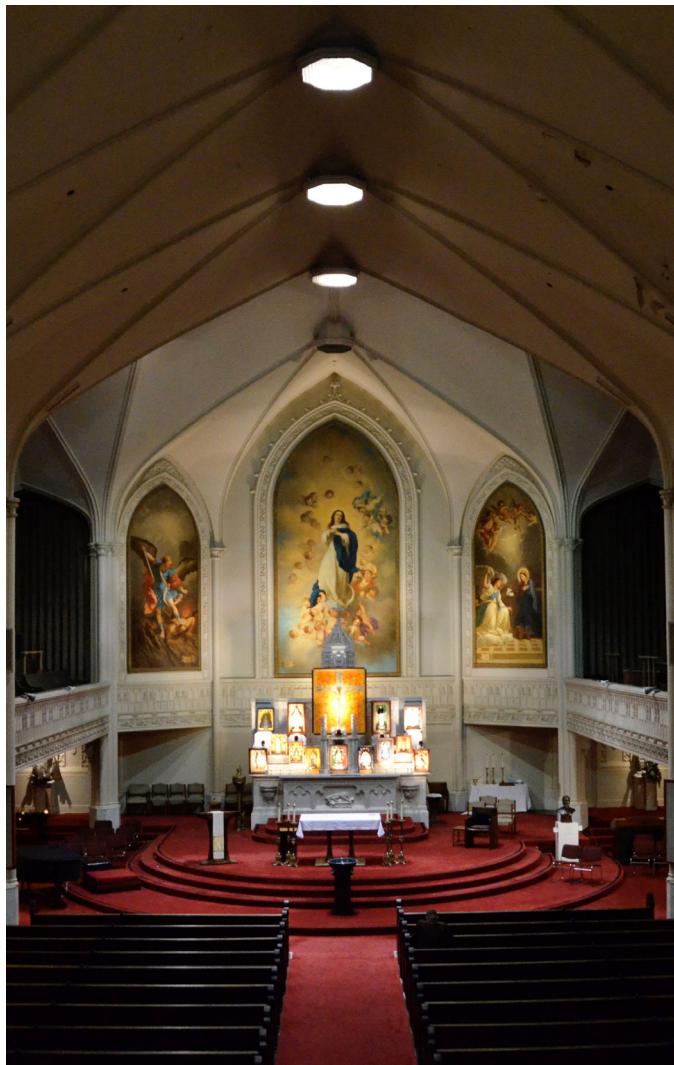
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

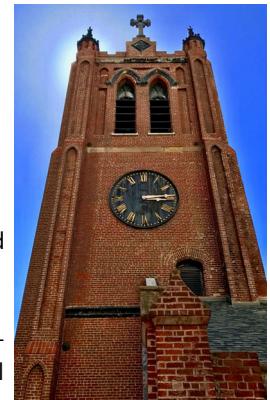


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



**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

**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



### MERCY IS WHAT GOD IS ALL ABOUT

The Sunday after Easter has often been called, at least by parish priests, "Low Sunday." It was something a name of shame, referring to the fact that this Sunday has often brought the lowest Church attendance of the years. It was as though those who regularly attend Mass each Sunday decided to compensate for the way above average crowds of Easter.

St. John Paul II, however, named this **"Divine Mercy Sunday"**, gifting us with a much more fruitful theme for reflection.

There seem to be at least three different ways in which we human beings approach God:

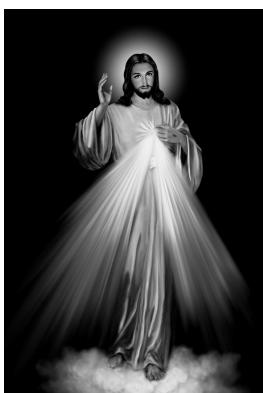
There are some people who believe that God is angry at us most of the time, and chiefly interested in punishing us for our sins, sexually related sins in particular. These poor folk spend much of their lives in misery because they can't forgive themselves and seem to find it impossible to believe in a God who would forgive them.

Then there are those who believe that God simply doesn't care about us one way or the other. Perhaps God doesn't exist, or does exist but is indifferent to us and unconcerned about our faith. These two beliefs are basically the same. If God doesn't care, then God doesn't exist.

Neither of these presents Jesus' way of understanding God. In Jesus' teaching, God is love, compassion and mercy. The author of the First Letter of John states it clearly: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God, and God in him" (**I John 4:16**).

This means that the universe runs on love.

Walter Cardinal Kasper, in his book on *Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life* (published by Paulist Press) notes that "to believe in love and to make love the embodiment and sum of our understanding of existence has far reaching, indeed revolutionary consequences for our image of God, of our self understanding...and for our conduct in the world."



There is no question at all that we receive God's mercy. The only question is whether we choose to accept it. To accept it we must open our hearts to share OUR mercy and forgiveness with those who have hurt us. When our hearts open toward those who need our mercy, we can trust that God always finds a way to make a home in an open heart. And that's heaven!



Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

### Easter Gratitude from Fr. John

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have gone above and beyond these past 10 days to make our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful:

Fr. Tom for all his labors on the various liturgies, Satoko and Tomoko, the Ng family, Walter Lee and all of our choir members who have led us in joy filled prayer.

For Deacon Simon and Katherina Law who as always have gone above and beyond in proclaiming the Word and streaming our prayer to those not able to be with us here in person.

For Mark Angeles, and his Angels who have decorated our space for each of these celebrations; the compliments just keeping on coming.

For Cecilia Leung who has gone above and beyond filling in full time as sacristan these past 5 weeks.

For our Acolytes, Lectors and Hospitality Ministers who have as always gone above and beyond. And God bless each of you for being with us these days and for your generosity that allows our ministries to continue to serve you and our visitors!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 24, 2022**



**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP**  
Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:00PM (PST)

**READINGS for SUNDAY, May 01<sup>st</sup>**  
**ACTS 5: 27-32, 40b-41**  
**RV 5: 11-14**  
**JOHN 21: 1-19, or 21: 1-14**

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910  
Passcode: 332406

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**  
**Special Collection, May 21 & 22, 2022**

THIS Second collection is for the missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Bro. Henry Gaither, of the Sacred Heart will be asking for your prayers and financial assistance at all Masses the weekend of May 21 & 22. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Philippines. Please be generous!

**WOMEN's RETREAT for HEALING**  
**After ABORTION. May 20-22, 2022,**  
**Bilingual English and Spanish**

Led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ with Father James Liebner, SVD. The event will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling. It will be held at a confidential location. To sign up for details, visit sfarch.org/Rachel or call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.org

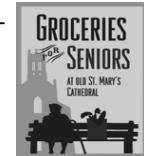
**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

Thinking of getting married in 2022?  
Take your pre-cana class with us. Sessions for 2022:  
**June 11, August 13, October 15, & December 10.**  
One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.  
Visit our website : [www.oldSaintMarys.org](http://www.oldSaintMarys.org);  
Email: [tomtavella@paulist.org](mailto:tomtavella@paulist.org)

**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA**

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)  
Join ZOOM Meeting -  
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513  
Passcode: 003859

**GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** This APRIL, if spring has inspired you to help others, please consider volunteering with Groceries for Seniors. We are looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,000 low-income seniors each week. Monday - Thursday, 8:30 –11:00AM. Groceries for Seniors team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement to create over 200 bags of nutritious food. If you have a free morning Monday-Thursday, we hope you'll consider joining us. For more information, please email Tim Thompson at [ttgroc4sen@gmail.com](mailto:ttgroc4sen@gmail.com)



**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**  
( April 23 - 30, 2022)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

5:00PM REPOSE of the SOUL - +May Chung

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

9:00AM +Alice Marie McGuigan  
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Marie Joyce Silva

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

12:05PM PRAY for Ukraine

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

12:05PM GIFT of LIFE - Walter Lee & Barbara Ann Lee

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

12:05PM IN LOVING MEMORY - +Peter Lau

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

5:00PM REPOSE OF THE SOUL - +May Chung  
HEALING & RECOVERY - Catalina Lim

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -**  
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Joshua Ruelas, Ronnie Verceles, Quincy Castillo, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Luis Landa & Family, Tolentino Fam-