

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



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: Earl Fong

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

PLEASURE, PAIN AND PASCHAL JOY: A REFLECTION ON HOLY WEEK AND EASTER BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



Palm Sunday reminds me of the sheer pleasure of being young. Marching in parades and cheering for celebrities (especially at rock concerts) are pleasures I enjoyed when I was in my teens and twenties. The wonderful thing about being young is that our body seems fine-tuned to pleasure. We can drink nine cups of coffee and still get a good night's sleep. We can dance all night and still get to work on time. Our sexual energies are overflowing in our bodies and in our imagination. We seem to have little or no unpleasant side effects to the pleasures we enjoy.

Our spiritual challenge when we are young is to realize that our pleasures have consequences, for us and for others. The crowd cheering for Jesus didn't realize what would happen to him when their shouting stirred up the authorities. On Calvary Friday, they were nowhere to be seen.

There is nothing wrong with pleasure. It's a good, and a gift. Jesus partied so hard his enemies accused him of being a drunk and a glutton. But when we are young, our spiritual challenge is to learn how to temper our passions with responsibility and care, so that they enliven hearts rather than break them. It's regrettable, but true, that most of us learn this painfully, from mistakes along the way. But we can still cherish the hard-won wisdom we have achieved and learn to forgive and allow ourselves to be forgiven.

Good Friday helps me think about death and about loss. The Jesus who enjoyed a good party with his friends is crying out for thirst on the cross, with none of his friends near enough to hear him or help him. Growing older is a journey of many small losses and a few great ones. One cup of coffee taken at the wrong time will keep me awake all night. And if I decide to use that "all night long" to dance, my body will ache and groan for days. The most long-lasting effect of those gloriously loud rock concerts has been a bit of deafness in my ears. These little losses can be hard to take, but they may prepare us better for the big ones. Learning how to grieve right is one of the great challenges of Good Friday, and of our later years as well.

Unacknowledged and unaccepted grief leads to depression. The most common language used for unaccepted grief among the elderly is grumpiness. This has been immortalized in the Sesame Street character Oscar the Grouch. Every time we meet a grouchy person, we confront a floodgate of un-shed tears. Grouchy people sometimes WANT us to get angry at them because feeling angry back seems easier than feeling so sad. What grouchy people truly benefit from is our gentleness and understanding, so that in the soft place we offer them, they gain space to begin to grieve their very real losses.

The spiritual challenge of our older years is to accept the losses small and great with patience and good humor. Jesus on the cross couldn't see through tears and blood, couldn't hear through the cheers and insults, couldn't move his hands or feet nailed to wood. The one thing he could do on the cross was pray, and his prayers were powerful. When we're older, we may not be well enough to attend church, we may not hear well enough to talk with our friends over the phone, but we can still pray for our friends, and we believe those "Good Friday" prayers offered through our pain and tears have power and effect.

So--what is the difference between Palm Sunday and Easter? Palm Sunday is crowds and shouts and drums and whistles. Easter is an early morning sunrise, a quiet touching of the heart. Easter turns the tears of Mary Magdalene into smiles and transforms the hearts of the Emmaus pilgrims from discouragement to enthusiasm. Palm Sunday is pleasure, Easter is joy. Pleasure is fun but fleeting, joy lasts. We don't know the names of any of those cheering and dancing in the Palm Sunday throng, possibly because none of them became disciples. We DO know the names of Mary Magdalene and Peter and John because their joy first changed them--and then changed others. Easter joy comes with allowing death and fear to do their worst with us, and then living our lives as though death and fear have no more importance to us.

A major aspect of the Easter stories is that the risen Christ continues to urge his disciples to share the joy with others, to spread it far and wide. Mary Magdalene is the first to do this, and it just keeps spreading. Something about joy just calls to be shared. To this day, the most effective way to keep joy in our hearts is to keep bringing joy to others, to make our own personalities a revelation of the same Jesus who appeared to the Magdalene and to Peter. Easter week, in this year of trials and disappointments, is a time to share our kindness, our thoughtfulness and our generosity with someone who truly needs it. This is always a good way to recover from our Palm Sundays and Good Fridays, and begin to spread a little of our Easter joy!



PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024

EASTER FLOWERS

Help us decorate the church during Easter season 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.

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.

Worldly Failure and Then . . .

An Easter Reflection with Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Saturday, April 6, 2024,

8:00am—10:00am (PT) / 9:00-11AM (MT)

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 2729 9159,

Passcode: 047528

Sacred Heart of Jesus Jubilee Hall, in person

14th St and Mapleton Avenue

Boulder CO 80304

It seems that Jesus was the only one who went into the desert to discern the Father's will and follow it. He overcame any need for esteem, power or control that might have made for an easier and softer life. Most everyone else was into their own will, even as they seemed to respond to Jesus' invitation, "Follow me." So, where are you in Jesus' invitation to follow him?

There will be homemade baked treats to celebrate Resurrection. For more information, contact 303-442-6158.

SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES (SFEC)

Thinking of getting married in 2024? Take your Pre-Cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

DATES: APRIL 13 | JUNE 15 | AUG. 10

OCTOBER 19 | DECEMBER 14

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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, or (415) 637-6409.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Campaign Goal : \$ 26,336.

Payments Received : \$ 1050. (as of 3/05/24)

Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 25,986.

PIA LIM, our receptionist since 2007

Is officially retiring! Her last day in the office was Tuesday, March 19th. She was gracious to extend our time with us to train her replacement. Thank you very much, Pia, for more than 16 years of service to the community of OSM Cathedral and Chinese Mission. Have a great life ahead! We hope you get to experience all the adventures you wanted to after retirement and hope you enjoy every bit of your life.

Pia will be at the auditorium on April 7 during hospitality after the 9 am Mass to say goodbye. All are invited!

Earl Fong is our new receptionist. He works Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. The email address to the front office is now receptionistatosm@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR

with Fr. Tom Tavella!

Sundays, 6:00PM

Join ZOOM Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698956318?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698956318?pwd=cV1USjEwZO5QVEZUN1ZUQjAyTW1FQT09)
[pwd=cV1USjEwZO5QVEZUN1ZUQjAyTW1FQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83698956318?pwd=cV1USjEwZO5QVEZUN1ZUQjAyTW1FQT09)

Meeting ID : 836 9895 6318

Passcode : 809416

BIBLE STUDY

with Fr. Tom Tavella

Thursdays, 5PM

Join ZOOM Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09)
[pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09)

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
MARCH 23 - 29, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00PM +Francisco Aquino
+Catalino Tinio

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00AM INTENTION - Lily Lam
THANKSGIVING - Melvin Chan

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
+David Lam

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

12:05PM +Francisco Aquino
BIRTHDAY- Esmeralda Ibasco

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

12:05PM INTENTION - Johnny Bautista
DEATH ANNIVERSARY +Aquilina Chavez

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Claire Teo & Family
THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY +Marcelino Silva
THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:00PM +Kyle Nathan Arnold
+Francisco M. Aquino



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

March 23 & 24

Passion (PALM) Sunday

5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil Mass)

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM (Bilingual English / Cantonese)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

12:05 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

12:05 PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00PM Passion of the Lord in English

6:00PM Passion of the Lord in Cantonese

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

(NO MASS THIS DAY)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:00AM Mass

11:00AM Bilingual-English / Cantonese



Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu, Stella Bielat,
Mary Nham, Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui

The parishioners and staff of Old Saint Mary's Cathedral and the Paulist Fathers wish you and yours all the Blessings of the Risen Lord.