

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: 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

THE SINS OF GOOD PEOPLE

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



Have you read the gospel story where Jesus scolds the prostitute for her scandalous behavior? You haven't? That's because there's no such story in any of the four gospels!

Jesus is surprisingly uninterested in sexual sins. Now, Jesus DOES hold up, and very clearly, the value of a marriage that creates a union of loving, co-equal and faithful partners. He believed that a lasting union was a powerful sign on earth of the faithfulness of God to us, which is why we call marriage a Sacrament.

Other than this, Jesus doesn't seem to be much interested in sex. The Church has often repaid his inattention by becoming obsessively interested in sex.

We need to realize that justice and mercy are meant to characterize our sexual lives no more and no less than is the case with any other relationship, attitude, or decision. We're called to treat people decently. That means not ruining our lives or other people's lives by our own selfishness. We do unto others as we would have them do to us. If we treat people decently, we'll do okay.

Jesus is much more interested in the sins of good people. Like the Pharisee who compared himself with a satisfied heart to the wretched tax-collector. Like us. Like people who go to church each Sunday and gravitate toward the seat that we consider OURS. Dirty looks across the pew do not create community!

A few years ago, a late-night television comedian invented a character called "**the Church lady.**" Everyone laughed because everyone recognized her. She's real! We all have come across her, in one Church or another. The television character was prideful, self-righteous, overflowing with judgments and gossip. Our first task as Church going people is to not be "the Church lady!"

There is a reason why we also remember Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the Tax Collector so well. The Jews of Jesus time believed that there were two prayers appropriate to offer when you went to the Temple. First, gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed. Then, placing before God with confidence our needs along with the needs of others we know or don't know.

The Pharisee in Jesus' story does neither. He spends most of his time in the Temple bragging to God about all the good he has done. He DOES notice the tax-collector, but only as an example of a sinner unlike himself. His recognition does not evoke compassion, and therefore does not bring communion.

The tax-collector's sin is public and so his broken heart. This is a man as desperate for the mercy of God as a drowning swimmer is for a breath of air. He might be comforted at least a bit for the kindness of another human being, even a stranger.

The Pharisee, in fact, sees this anguished man as someone to stay away from. How often have we discovered a person alone in a dark Church when prayers have swelled into sobs, and discreetly crept away?

The tax-collector leaves the Temple in the arms of God because his broken heart is broken open, now tender to welcome and savor God's love. The Pharisee goes home having wasted his time. This Pharisee is a VERY good man, but God waits patiently for the day HIS heart will be broken. Jesus reminds us that the greatest sin of all is being satisfied with a heart too small to love.

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 2024

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Campaign Goal : \$ 26,336.
Payments Received : \$ 150.00 (as of 2/26/24)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 26,186.

◆ **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next weekend, March 10th, we will have the Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services.

◆ **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=cV1USjEwZ05QVEZUN1ZUQjAyTW1FQT09)
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Meeting ID : 836 9895 6318
Passcode : 809416



◆ **BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**
Thursdays, 5PM

Join ZOOM Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09)
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Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610
Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!

◆ **STATIONS of the CROSS**
Fridays of Lent, 6:15PM

Join ZOOM Meeting:

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◆ **FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS –**

Health care professionals are invited to the fourth *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on March 9, 2024 from 9:45 am – 6:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA. This one-day conference will explore the theme of Fundamental Health Care Ethics and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the San Francisco and Santa Clara Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. For more info, please visit convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco or email ana@forlifeandfamily.org.

Foster Care Mass : May 18, 4:30PM, St. Stephen Catholic Church

Women’s Retreat for Healing After Abortion, June 14-16 at a confidential location

◆ **CELEBRATE the SEASON OF LENT by PUTTING YOUR FAITH into ACTION**

Come join us for a little weeding, and lots of camaraderie as we spruce up and make our programs gardens a more beautiful and restorative green space for our clients to enjoy:

MARCH 5, 10am-2pm at SF Boys Home, SF
MARCH 19, 11AM-2PM at Adult Day Services, SF

For more information, contact Darlene Wilson, at volunteers@catholiccharitiesf.org

◆ **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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**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
MARCH 03 – MARCH 09, 2024**

SATURDAY, MARCH 02

5:00PM For All Souls
Death Anniversary - +Cecilia Ma

SUNDAY, MARCH 03

9:00AM Intention - Chonching Flores
Intention - Mr. Sunga
+David Lam

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**
Deceased member of Choy Family
+Virginia Tam

TUESDAY, MARCH 05

12:05PM Intention - Sean Rooney
Intention - Irene Rosenberg

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06

12:05PM Birthday - Cathy Chinn
Intention - Mrs. Hayden

THURSDAY, MARCH 07

12:05PM Intention - Brock Gowdy
Intention - Claire D'Agostino
+William Keith Edward

FRIDAY, MARCH 08

12:05PM Intention - James Philip Bautista
Intention - Elena Peres

SATURDAY, MARCH 09

5:00PM +Lina Llacer
Intention - Kitsoto Isidro



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

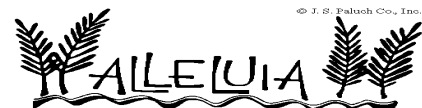
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

(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.