

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

CAN ONLY A PRIEST OFFER A BLESSING? (OR MORE ON BEING STINGY WITH GOD'S GIFTS)

A precise answer is that only God can offer a blessing. Only the Creator can bless creation.



The Old Testament patriarchs, however, believed that God had delegated them the power to bless their offspring. They took this seriously and with imagination. Jacob's blessings for each of his twelve sons showed that he took time to think about the kind of blessing that would be appropriate for each son.

The idea of priests having a special responsibility for blessing goes back to the Old Testament: the priestly class and the seasonal blessings of "first fruits" at each harvest. But priests would not be present at every Passover, so the head of the household took on the role of calling upon God's blessing. Our custom of offering a blessing before we eat dates back to this Jewish tradition.

The special blessing offered by the pope is called "*to the city and the world*." A newly elected bishop of Rome offers this blessing for the first time on the balcony before the crowd below gathered for that purpose. Pope Francis changed this century's old tradition when he bowed his head and asked the people of God to bless HIM. This was not just a charming touch. He was acknowledging that God's power to bless can be offered by anyone, by reason of his or her humanness.

On occasion, a family has invited me to visit their home and offer a blessing to bring grace to their new life in this new place. In more recent years, I try to invite the members of the family to offer their own blessings as well. Who better to ask God's blessing for a home than the folks who will actually be living there! Who can know what moments of tenderness and affection these walls will witness, or what words of anger or bitterness will threaten to tear these walls down? How appropriate that at the very beginning of their life here, every man, woman has a chance to place in God's hands the house they must fashion into home.

As Catholics, we tend to invest in a priest the sole responsibility for spiritual gifts that we ourselves possess. Despite his impressive vestments, the priest does not "*marry*" the couple at a wedding. The couple marry each other by the exchange of vows. The priest does offer a blessing to the newly wed on behalf of the Church and the gathered family.

How does God forgive sin? By means of the penitent's confession, or through the absolution of the priest? We might think it's the absolution. But the most influential theologian St Thomas Aquinas wrote that: In the absence of one's own priest, confession may be made even to a layperson, because the act of confessing is more important than the person to whom the confession is made."

Perhaps the most profound confessions we remember are those we made to another person against whom we have sinned. And the most profound forgiveness we may experience is offered by the person whose heart we have broken. Does a priest need to be there for it to be a sacrament?

We might think about ways we can best make use of the power to bless that God has given us. Parents or grandparents have a great opportunity to bless their children or grandchildren on a birthday or a graduation. Think of the blessings Mary and Elizabeth gave to one another—one very old, one very young, but each facing the risks and the mysteries of birthing a child.

The blessing of a friend or friends can mean so much when we are experiencing a divorce or the loss of a beloved person. In what ways would you like to offer a blessing to a friend? It can be as profound as a poem or as simple as a hug. God has given you this gift of blessing so you can offer it to someone who really needs it or someone who doesn't know he or she needs it. We will never regret an important word we have spoken to another, but we will regret words we yearned to share but left unsaid.

Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2022

**PAULIST PILGRIMAGES PRESENTS —
IGNATIUS in ROME
June 26 to July 02, 2022**

You are invited to join Frs. Julio Giulietti, SJ and Thomas A. Kane, CSP on a seven day Ignatian Pilgrimage into the heart of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome. We invite our pilgrims to engage fully in the Spiritual Exercises to deepen their relationship with Christ. Retreat conferences will focus on the spirituality of St. Ignatius and Jesuit history. This will be a small group experience, land only. **Or go to www.paulistpilgrimages.org**

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP
Thursday, JUNE 30 | 5:00PM (PST)**

READINGS for SUNDAY, JULY 03rd
IS 66: 10-14c; GAL 6: 14-18
LUKE 10: 1-12, 17-20

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



ALL ARE INVITED!

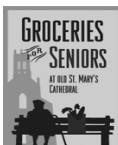
**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA
SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)**

Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513
Passcode: 003859



**GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

If JUNE frees up some time in your morning routine, please consider volunteering with Groceries for Seniors. We are looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday through 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'd like to join us Monday-Thursday, please email Tim Thompson for more information at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com



NOONTIME CONCERT at Old Saint Mary's

TUESDAY, June 28, 2022 | 12:30 PM

Featuring: MARTIN STONER, Violin
MILES GRABER, Piano

ALL ARE WELCOME!

(Suggested Donation : \$10.00)



SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Thinking of getting married in 2022?

Take your pre-cana class with us.

Sessions for 2022: **August 13, October 15, & December 10.**

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Visit our website : www.oldsaintmarys.org;

Email: tomtavella@paulist.org

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(June 25 - July 02, 2022)**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

5:00PM +Jesse Chang Ortega

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:00AM THANKSGIVING - Rachele Telles
THANKSGIVING - Juliana Low
IN MEMORY of +Peter Chan

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
+Eduardo Loo Ngo Kue
+Lance Elliot Wong

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

12:05PM SPL. INTENTIONS - Mikaela Robles
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - +Ma, Zse Kee
DEATH ANNIV. - +Vincent Nicco Coloma

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

12:05PM GOOD HEALTH - Francis Wong, Uncle, & Wife

FRIDAY, JULY 01

12:05PM Members of Memorial Society
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

SATURDAY, JULY 02

5:00PM PRAYER For All Souls
BIRTHDAY - Aidan Silva

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends

Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista,
John Garcia, Ronnie Verceles, Quincy Castillo, Ida & Carolyn Hom,
Luis Landa & Family, Leonora Tolentino & Family,