#### Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854) 660 California Street • San Francisco, California 94108-2566 Tel: (415)-288-3800 | Fax: (415)-288-3838 | Website: www.oldsaintmarys.org | Email: piaosm660@gmail.com

#### 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 refur-



bish 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 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

## MERCY IS WHAT GOD IS ALL ABOUT!

A Reflection by Paulist Father Joe Scott

The Sunday after Easter has often been called, at least by parish priests, "Low Sunday." It was something of a name of shame, referring to the fact that this Sunday has often brought the lowest Church attendance of the year. 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, particularly sexually related sins. 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 of 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!

#### **CELEBRATING 169 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL**

#### SUNDAY of DIVINE MERCY April 16 2023

## Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal: \$ 46,762.Payments Received: \$ 3,226.Less Payments Received : \$ 43,536.

**EASTER NOVENA CARDS** are still 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. Suggested Offering : \$10.00

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

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time) Join ZOOM Meeting -Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318 Passcode: 809416



SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES.

Thinking of getting married in 2023? Take your pre-cana class with us. April 15 | June 10 | August 12 October 14 | December 09

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Website : www.oldsaintmarys.org Email: tomtavella@paulist.org

#### BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA Thursday, April 20, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, April 23, 2023 Acts 2: 14, 22-33 | 1Pt 1:17-21 | Luke 24: 13-15

Join ZOOM Meeting :

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610? pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4clJ5QT09

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610 Passcode: 016304







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#### EPIPHANY CENTER's 15th ANNUAL Celebrating Mothers Day Luncheon Wednesday, May 10, 11:30am, St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco

Hosted by the Epiphany League and Luncheon Cochairs Sheila Kelly & Jean Macaluso. This beloved event raises much-needed funds for San Francisco's most vulnerable women, children, and families. We invite you to share a heartwarming afternoon in honor of all the women who have shaped your life! Tickets \$150. For more information, to Sponsor a Table, Purchase Tickets, or donate an item or service to our Online Auction visit TheEpiphanyCenter.org Email: info@TheEpiphanyCenter.org or call

#### Smart, Organized, Detailed Oriented Volunteers

**Needed!** Catholic Charities is seeking computer-savvy volunteers who love to research information and must be able to engage with nonprofit staff on the phone. *Flexible Schedule* - Much of the work can be done remotely by phone & computer. For more information, contact our Volunteer Manager at— Voluneer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org, or call 415-972-1371.

# Easter Season Vocation Retreat for Single Adult Catholic Women.

Is GOD calling You to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity SEARCH & SERVE RETREAT - a religious vocation discernment week in San Francisco, May 24-29, 2023! **SEARCH** your heart for answers. **SERVE** those living in Poverty side -by-side with Sisters. Contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 or email **Srllaguna@doc1633.org**. More information: **Daughters-Of-Charity.com**/

## Mass Intentions ( For The Week



APRIL 15 - 22, 2023

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

5:00PM **IN MEMORY OF Helen Lee** +Leonora "Lee" (Rugo) Gaul

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:00AM INTENTION Garwai Bautista IN MEMORY Of Helen Lee
- 11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY +Thomas, Sarah, Mary Galvin & Family

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

12:05PM +Petronila Banning **IN LOVING MEMORY - Peter Chan** 

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12:05PM +Soledad Quintela IN MEMORY of Paul & Barbara Crudo & Friends

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Dawn Ng **IN MEMORY OF Teela Baca & Friends** 

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Mohammad Effendi PEACE & LOVE - Francis Wong & Family

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

5:00PM IN MEMORY of HELEN LEE THANKSGIVING OFFERING for GREG +Concepcion Melo

Prayers for our sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Milt Commons, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Frankie Chios, Miguel Andolong, Kit, & Family, Anne Tran



#### We Welcome . .

People of All Faiths & All Races *People of Diverse Cultures* Divorced or Separated Persons Families with Children Gavs & Leshians 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

