

# 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.

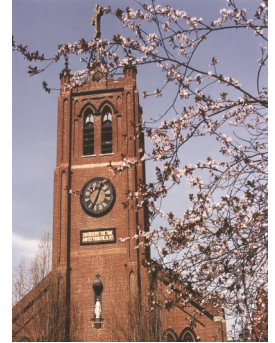


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## 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

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

## JESUS IS NOT A CULTURE WARRIOR!

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

The term “**culture warrior**” is` heard a lot these days applied to the Catholic Church. Some Catholics, bish-ops too, even claim this title proudly. But I don't like it! Jesus never applied the word “warrior” to himself. Jesus DID say “those who live by the sword will die by the sword.”

My family includes men and women who have served in the military during war time. People who have served their country in war deserve our respect. But not everyone who calls himself a “warrior” is worth listening to!

I've learned that the good soldier serves to protect and defend. Professional soldiers are the very last ones itching to go to war.

To use a very recent example of good soldier strength, we can be proud of our American soldiers who, at constant risk to their own lives, rescued men and women and yes, children and babies, seeking refuge after the collapse of the government in Afghanistan.

But Jesus calls us to compassion, and we can't be compassionate without tenderness in our hearts! Strength without compassion can easily become foolishness bent on destruction, not wisdom seeking the peace that Jesus wants for us. And compassion can be easily lost, when we are driven by anger!

There are many things about our American culture that we should all, as Christians, be concerned about, and work to change.

-- our adulation of the rich and famous, which makes us pay movie stars and football players a whole lot more money than we pay teachers and social workers.

-- our racism and distrust of intelligent women, which fills our Congress and Supreme Court with rich white men confident about getting their own way.

-- our love of guns and violence, which gives us a mass murder somewhere in our country, every day--- yes, every day.

-- our addiction to internet pornography, which teaches young men to assault young women and attempts to persuade young women that they just must accept this as part of who men are.

Honestly, I would welcome a sex tape that taught couples how to have fun, while, at the same time helped them to be truly loving and respectful of one another's dignity, and looking out for one another's best self. It won't happen, because it won't sell. Big money is what internet pornography is all about!

So yes, there is much in our American culture we need to be concerned about and find ways to challenge and leaven with the gospel of Jesus.

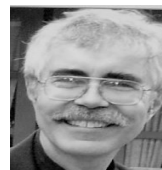
But after 200 years or so as American Catholics, we've not succeeded in making our secular culture interested in Jesus---I mean the REAL Jesus we can actually read about in the gospels. In many ways, we've joined the secular parade!

One thing is guaranteed—we will not convert America with our anger.

Jesus never says: make as many enemies as you can, with your neighbors and even with your own family members, with your warrior-like certainty about always being right. In fact, the very thing Jesus gets angry about, in those gospel stories, is self-righteousness.

Jesus has a plan for us that we might profitably share with our American culture. He says: “be compassionate, as your heavenly Father is compassionate.” He says: “love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you.”

Can we do it? Can we bring THIS to our culture?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP



CELEBRATING 169 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**2023 ROSARY RALLY**  
**Saturday, October 07, 2023**  
**(Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

9:30AM Confessions available  
10:00AM Mass  
with Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone  
St. Mary's of the Assumption Cathedral  
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA  
11:30AM Eucharistic Procession  
12:15PM Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, and  
Benediction  
St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., in  
San Francisco.  
Donuts and lunch available following the event

**Old St. Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission**  
**AAA 2023**  
Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.  
Payments Received : \$ 13,523. *(as of 9/12)*  
Less Payments Received : \$ 33,240.

**VOCATION RETREAT FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 18-40**  
**WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU?** Explore your VOCATION with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. See what being a Sister is all about. **September 29 – October 01, 2023 in Los Altos Hills, CA.** Stay with us \*Pray with us \*Ask questions \*Get to know us \*Become your best self \*Live your best life. For Single Catholic Women 18-40. For more information go to—  
**www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/**

**SAVE THE DATE: October 05, 2023**  
**Catholic Charities 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Loaves & Fishes Gala** will be held at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco on October 5, 2023. We are celebrating 170 years of Catholic Charities and honoring parishioners Jack and Marie Fitzpatrick, recipients of our Faith in Action Award. Tickets, Sponsorship, and more information can be found at **CatholicCharitiesSF.org/Loaves and Fishes** or you can call 628-271-1170. We hope to see you there!

**FALL ZOOM TALK**  
**A FALL SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**  
**With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP**  
As we enter the autumnal season of change we reflect on changes that may and will take place in us if we are faithful to the spiritual practice on a daily basis. Some changes are stormy and chilling, but some are full of light and warmth.  
**Saturday, September 30, 2023 | 9:00AM (MDT)**  
**Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**14th Street & Mapleton Avenue**  
**Boulder, CO 80304**  
Join Zoom Meeting -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82335845901?pwd=V0tLQmNLSTRsdTRMSjhMM3IHd01NUT09>  
Meeting ID: 823 3584 5901  
Passcode: 403982  
There will be refreshments and the talk will be recorded. For more information, call 303-442-6158.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
**Thursday, September 21, 5:00PM**

**READINGS : Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**IS 55:6-9; PHIL 1:20c-24,27a; MT 20: 1-16a**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>  
**Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610**  
**Passcode : 016304**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR with Fr. Tom Tavella will return between SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 16–23, 2023

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

5:00PM +Rosalía Bautista  
PRAYERS for The Paulist Fathers

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

9:00AM HEALING - Jonah Makai Dulay  
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

11:00AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS - - -  
Fr. John Ardis, CSP  
Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP  
Fr. Michael Evernden, CSP

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

12:05PM BIRTHDAY - Ferdinand Aquino  
BIRTHDAY - Jose Aquino, Jr.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

12:05PM HEALING - Jona Makai Dulay

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

12:05PM HEALING - Milagros Ferro

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

12:05PM +Valentina Perante

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

5:00PM +Belen Tinio  
HEALING & RECOVERY - Francis & Irene

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners,  
Loved Ones & Friends**

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,  
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Cat & Regina  
Bautista, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu,  
Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham, Arnold Low,  
Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan, Frankie Chios, Erlinda  
Cheng, Trish Bui, Mian Gancayco, Francis & Irene



***We Welcome . .***

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

