

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854)

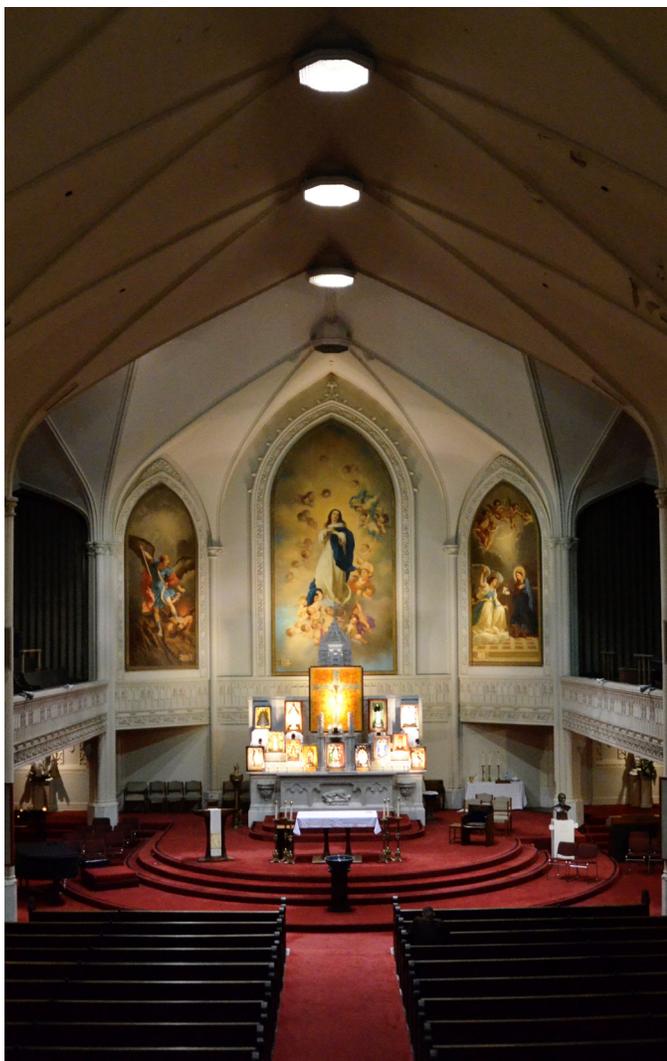
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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



“SHINE ON, SHINE ON HARVEST MOON” A REFLECTION ON THE AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL By PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

The Chinese have celebrated the harvest during the Autumn moon since the Shang Dynasty a long, long, long time ago.

About such things, there is always a story. “*The Handbook of Chinese Mythology*” tells of an ambitious archer named Hou Yi who, with his great skill, shot out nine of the ten suns, leaving only one for light. His people were so impressed by this that they made him King. But he turned out to be a cruel tyrant, caring for no one but himself.

When he sought out a magic potion that would make him immortal, his wife Chang’e stole it, for she did not want her husband to inflict his cruelty on his people forever. She drank the potion herself and fled to the moon where she would become its immortal spirit. Thereafter, people offered sacrifices to the moon every Autumn to commemorate Chang’e’s action. The name of this festival in Cantonese is Jung-chau Jit.

Like the Lunar New Year, the Autumn Moon Festival is a fun time to celebrate the great gift we San Franciscans and all Americans have received in the Chinese people, in fact, all Asian people. Every day we benefit from the talents of Chinese-American doctors, store-keepers, restaurant chefs and business owners. Old St. Mary’s Cathedral would simply not exist without all that our Chinese parishioners have contributed.

We Catholics don’t worship the moon as a god or goddess. But we can respect and even enjoy the moon as one of the mysterious delights of God’s creation. St. Francis of Assisi had a wise insight when he spoke of his (and our) relationship to “*Brother Sun*” and “*Sister Moon*.”

They are a bit different. The sun is direct light. We depend on the sun to live, but we don’t have much fun with the sun. It’s true, we can bask in the warmth of the sun in leisure moments, but we must be very careful of sunburn or skin cancer. We can’t directly stare at the sun either. We can actually visit the moon—a privileged few have—but we can never dream of walking on the surface of the sun, without being instantly burnt to a crisp.

It may be that we most enjoy the light of the sun when we are looking at the moon. The moon has no light of its own. It’s completely dark. What we call moonlight is truthfully the sun’s light reflecting off the moon’s surface.



It is the night of the Moon Festival.
My family has a huge, delicious dinner.
The food we eat is round like the moon.
And so is my tummy!

今晚是中秋节。
我家吃了一顿丰盛美味的晚餐。
我们吃的食物圆如月亮。
我的肚子也一样！

But in a way, the moon’s surface charms the light of the sun, making it seem softer and warmer for us. We don’t think of the sun as being romantic. That’s the task of the moon.

As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, the moon can evoke in our spirits the feminine nature living in each of us, a “sister” who seeks love, not war.

When Jesus says, “you are the light of the world”, he’s talking about reflected light. The unvarnished glory of God may be too much for us to behold. Saul, about to become Paul, was blinded by it.

Jesus came to the earth to reflect God’s glory in the twinkle of a kind eye and in the touch of a warm hand. It’s not so scary for us as a throne surrounded by thunder and lightning, and certainly more approachable and appealing.

That’s our mission as well, to share God’s love not in the manner of the intense sun but like a peaceful moonlight shing in the darkness.

So enjoy the moon cakes and dragons and all the fun of the Autumn Moon Festival September 10-11. Perhaps these festivities can remind us of Jesus’ invitation to be a light to the world, a light the darkness cannot overcome.



Old Saint Mary’s Cathedral & Chinese Mission
ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)
Campaign Goal : \$32,078.
Received so far : \$ 6,277.
Needed to reach our goal : \$ 25,801.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

September 04, 2022

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 11, 2022



JOIN us for our Pancake Breakfast following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Enjoy great food and get to know other parishioners.

Volunteers Needed! Please email Ronald Ng at Ronald-j.ng@gmail.com or call (415) 333 - 5408.

FALL CHANGES FOR SOULNAUTS

With FR. TERY RYAN, CSP

~ WEDNESDAYS ~

SEPTEMBER 14, & 28, 2022,

2:00 PM MOUNTAIN TIME

ON ZOOM 367 360 7803

or go to snowmassbookstore.com

Like the Fall, as we *Soulnauts* move into deeper and darker inner space, we find changes in practice and experience. We become more familiar with the journey. As green trees change colors, so our sense of "silence" and "solitude" changes from what we knew, or thought we knew. The way we appear to others changes from our insides in ways that we might not even notice. But our neighbor will notice. A Fall spiritual cleansing is taking place. Let us fly along into the depths.

Religious Vocation Retreat for Young Adult Women with the Daughters of Charity

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about? Come and See! The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the Bay Area September 30 - October 2, 2022. For Single Catholic Women ages 18 - 40. FOR DETAILS: please contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890, (213) 210-9903. Email: srllaguna@doc1633.org; Website: www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends

Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Liu, Landa & Rojas Families,

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318

Passcode: 809416



BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA

Thursday, September 08 | 5:00PM

READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

EX 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1TM 1: 12-17;

LUKE 15: 1-32 OR 15: 1-10

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610

Passcode: 016304



ALL ARE INVITED!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

(SEPTEMBER 03 - 10, 2022)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

**5:00PM PRAYER For All Souls
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Rogelia Limjoco**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 04

**9:00AM THANKSGIVING - Juliana Low
GOOD HEALTH - Regina Bautista**

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

**12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Carmelita Garcia
THANKSGIVING - Joshwin Ivan Garcia**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

**12:05PM THANKSGIVING - The RYAN Family
SPECIAL INTENTION - Cristina Pecci**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

**12:05PM SAFE TRAVELS - Urlita Mangune
HEALING - Maureen Corey**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

**12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Tak Lee
STRENGTH & FAITH - Sheena Thomas**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**5:00PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - +Jose M. Aquino
GOOD HEALTH - Regina Bautista**