

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

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

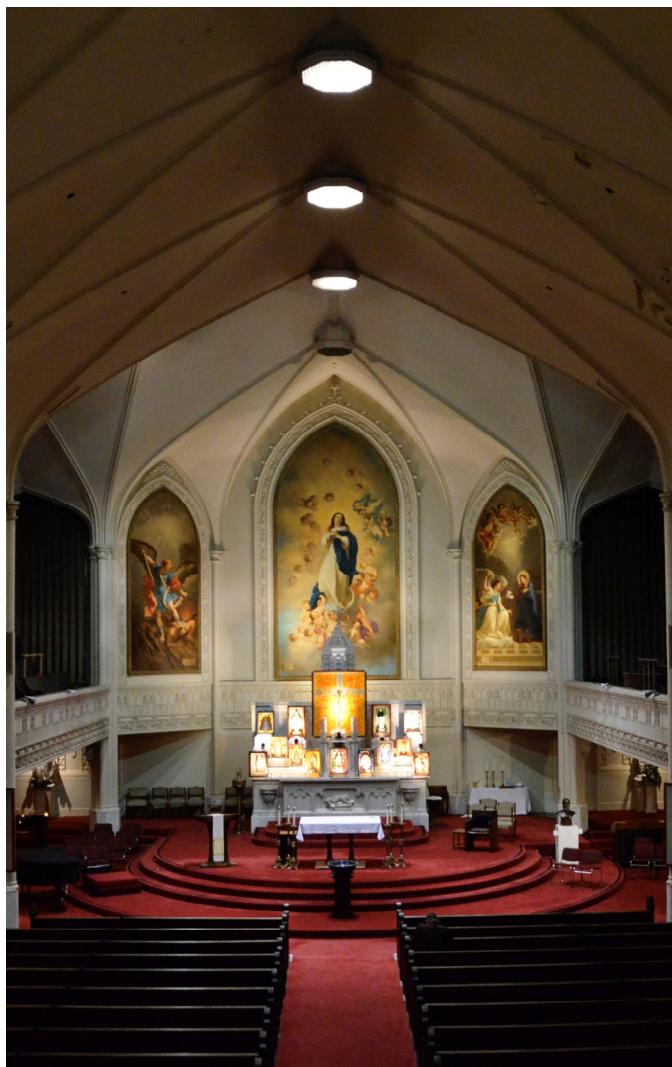
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

THREE SAINTS FOR ADVENT



John of Damascus (8th century) was from a Christian family in Syria. His father and grandfather had managed finances for the Calif, and John followed this family tradition. As a consequence, he was quite familiar with Islam and wrote about it with understanding. In mid-life he became a monk at the monastery of San Sabba, in the desert just outside Jerusalem. John had many accomplishments as a scholar, but perhaps the most significant for us was his defense of icons. Some Christians in his time were influenced by the Jewish tradition that there should be no images of God or even of saints. They began to destroy icons, believing them to be idolatry. In his letter “On Holy images”, John defended the spiritual benefits of icons so effectively that iconoclasm subsided. Icons were the beginning of centuries of Christian art. When we enjoy the beautiful medieval and renaissance paintings that portray the events of Jesus’ birth, and even when we place a manger scene under our Christmas tree, we have John of Damascus to thank! **His feast day is December 4.**

St. Nicholas (4th century) is the patron saint of anonymous gift-giving. We remember the story of St. Nicholas providing bags of cold to a night-darkened windowsill of a poor man so that each of his marriageable daughters could claim a dowry. It was to be a secret, but the third time the curious father peeked! We wish we knew more about this generous saint—all we know for certain is that he was the Bishop of Myra in what is now Turkey. Whatever the facts, Nicholas is one of those remarkable saints to whom stories attach. These wonderful tales have kept his memory alive and have spurred parents throughout the world to countless acts of secret generosity. St. Nicholas reminds us of the truth spoken by Jesus, “it is more joyful to give than to receive.” **His feast day is December 6.**

St. Lucy (4th century) is the patroness of light. This is a fitting role for this season which celebrates that “a people who lived in darkness have seen a great light.” This Sicilian saint gives her special attention to those who “live in darkness” due to diseases of the eye. In the lands of Scandinavia, where the winters seem particularly dark, young school girls become Lucys wearing candles in their hair to brighten the darkest night. The great light of Lucy’s life was her faith in Jesus. Condemned to death by the Emperor Diocletian, she kept her own eyes not on the torturers who abused her but on the light of heaven.

Her feast day is December 13.



Paulist Fr. Joe Scott



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
December 04, 2022



OSM CALENDARS for 2023 are now available in the church. We invite each family to please take one.

RETIREMENT for RELIGIOUS SECOND COLLECTION

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to Next Weekend's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously!

GABRIEL PROJECT ADVENT GIVING TREE

Archdiocese of San Francisco

During Advent, we wait in expectant hope for the arrival of the Baby Jesus, as his mother Mary would have done so long ago. This is the perfect time to walk with other expectant mothers as they await the arrival of these new blessings.

To learn more visit - - -

<https://sfarch.org/gabriel-project-advent-giving-tree/>



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

•SATURDAY, December 24th

4:30 - 5:00 PM Mini Christmas Carols

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

(Traditional Christmas Music with Cantor)

•SUNDAY, December 25th

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

(11AM—Bilingual Mass)

•SUNDAY, January 01, 2023

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (New Year's Day)



BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, December 08th , 5:00PM

READINGS for SUNDAY, December 11th
IS 35:1-6a, 10; JAS 5: 7-10;
MT 11: 2-11

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610

Passcode: 016304



ALL ARE INVITED!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (DECEMBER 03 - 10, 2022)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 03

5:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Dr. Gregorio Limjoco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 04

9:00AM THANKSGIVING— Victoria Chinn
+Potenciana del Rosario

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
+Napoleon Flores

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06

12:05PM HEALING - Perla Bautista
+Edward J. Ward

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07

12:05PM HEALING - Joy Bautista
HEALING - John & Kitty Pangilinan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 08

12:05PM HEALING - Ernesto Kong, Jr.
+Dorothy M. Ward-Morgan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09

12:05PM +Dennis Rossdale
+Renato Bueno

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00PM HEALING - Perla Bautista
+Renato Bueno

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Christian Bocobo