

# Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

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

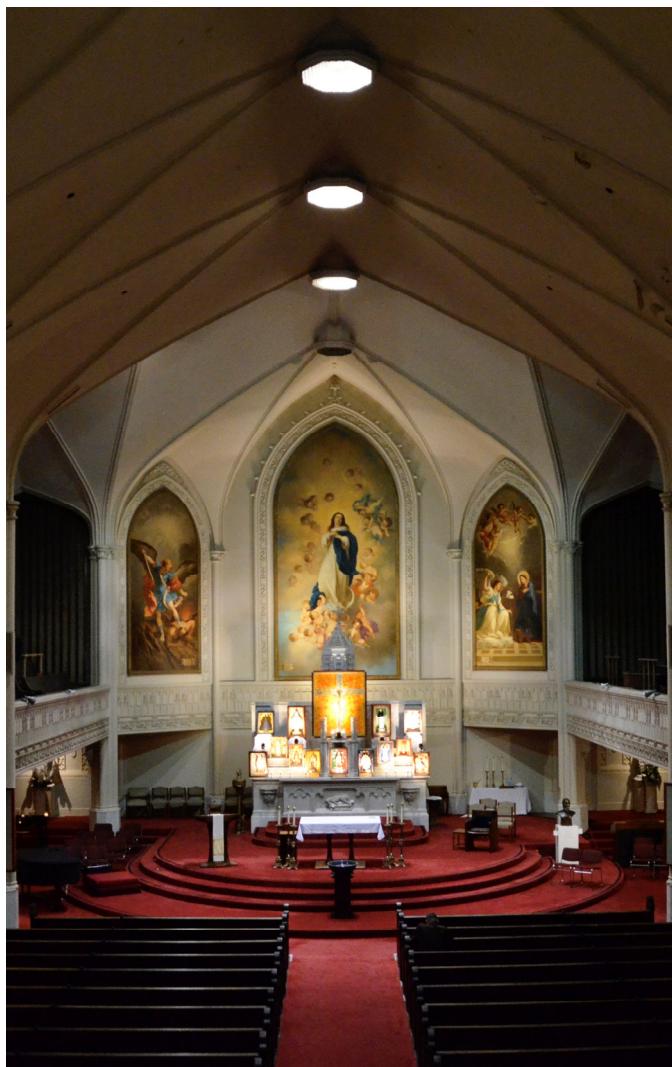
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



## ALL ARE WELCOME

### SANTA CLAUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

*This year the Second Sunday of Advent is also the Feast of St. Nicholas (December 6). This means that Santa Claus and St. John the Baptist are put into relationship with each other.*



*Santa Claus and John. What might these two icons of Advent have to say to one another?*

*Can you imagine John the Baptist in red? Not likely! One wears ermine, the other camel's hair. Santa Claus nibbles on cookies and warm milk, John on locusts and wild honey. Santa Claus meets us with a jolly "ho, ho, ho" while John assaults us with "you brood of vipers." Strange companions indeed!*

*Santa Claus, from the time he began as St. Nicholas, is all about graciousness and generosity and feasting and the giving of gifts, preferably without the giver being seen. But John the Baptist may have given us the greatest gift of all.*

*John the Baptist is the only figure in scriptures apart from Jesus who has his own nativity story and his own passion story. He precedes Jesus in his birth, in his teaching (especially noted in Luke's gospel) and in his dying the death of a prophet who speaks inconvenient truth to the powerful. The Advent gospels remind us that we can't get to Christmas without going through John the Baptist (twice, on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent).*

*The early Christians found great meaning in the story of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. When they first met, Elijah was the teacher and Elisha his student. But when Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire, his disciple Elisha received a "double portion of his Spirit." That meant the latter could perform even more spectacular miracles than his mentor to whom he had bidden farewell.*

*Just as Elisha became much greater than Elijah, the early Christians reasoned, Jesus was much greater than the prophet who baptized him. And John the Baptist had the honesty and the generosity to realize the truth of that.*

*The synoptic gospels share three examples of John the Baptist bringing the gift of Jesus. First, as a baby in his mother's womb he stirs that womb with a joyful leap, prophesying that Jesus will be a joyful, hopeful prophet in the model of Isaiah. In addition the Baptist's teaching about justice prepares gospel readers for Jesus' prophetic action in healing the blind and welcoming the forsaken to eat with him at his table. Finally, the death of John under the orders of Herod Antipas predicts Jesus' crucifixion under the authority of Pontius Pilate.*

*The gospel of John understands the Baptist to be the first evangelist. He announces Jesus as the Lamb of God and encourages his disciples to follow this authentic bearer of the good news. As with many missionaries, John's gift was to point the way to Jesus and then step aside so the Lord's mission could be fulfilled. So it is fitting on the feast of St. Nicholas to celebrate the great Advent gift of John--which is Jesus, our Christmas morning for all time!*



**Paulist Fr. Joe Scott**



**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
**December 11, 2022**



**Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission**  
**ARCHBISHOP's ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)**  
Campaign Goal : \$32,078.  
Received so far : \$ 31,840.  
Needed to reach our goal : \$238.



**RETIREMENT for RELIGIOUS SECOND COLLECTION. Help Aging Religious.**

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. TODAY, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 - 5:00PM (Mini Christmas Carols)  
5:00PM Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass: 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM (Cantonese & English)

**New Year's Eve**

Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mass : 5:00 PM

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Sunday, January 1, 2023  
Mass: 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM (Cantonese & English)



**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, December 15th, 5:00PM

**READINGS for SUNDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
IS 7: 10-14, 10; ROM 1: 1-7;  
MT 1: 18-24

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610  
Passcode: 016304



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**(DECEMBER 10 - 17, 2022)**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

5:00PM For HEALING - Perla Bautista  
+Renato Bueno

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:00AM +Renato Bueno  
+Alex Beltran Isaac  
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
SPECIAL INTENTION - Colleen McEvoy

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

12:05PM For HEALING - Perla Bautista  
SPECIAL INTENTION - Hoang Ngueng

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

12:05PM GIFT of LIFE - Mila Aquino  
SPECIAL INTENTION - La Tu Bang

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family  
SPECIAL INTENTION - Lien My Hoang

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family  
SPECIAL INTENTION - Imelda de Dios

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

5:00PM BIRTHDAY - Gloria Raymundo  
SPECIAL INTENTION - Trinh Lang

**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, Rose Haw