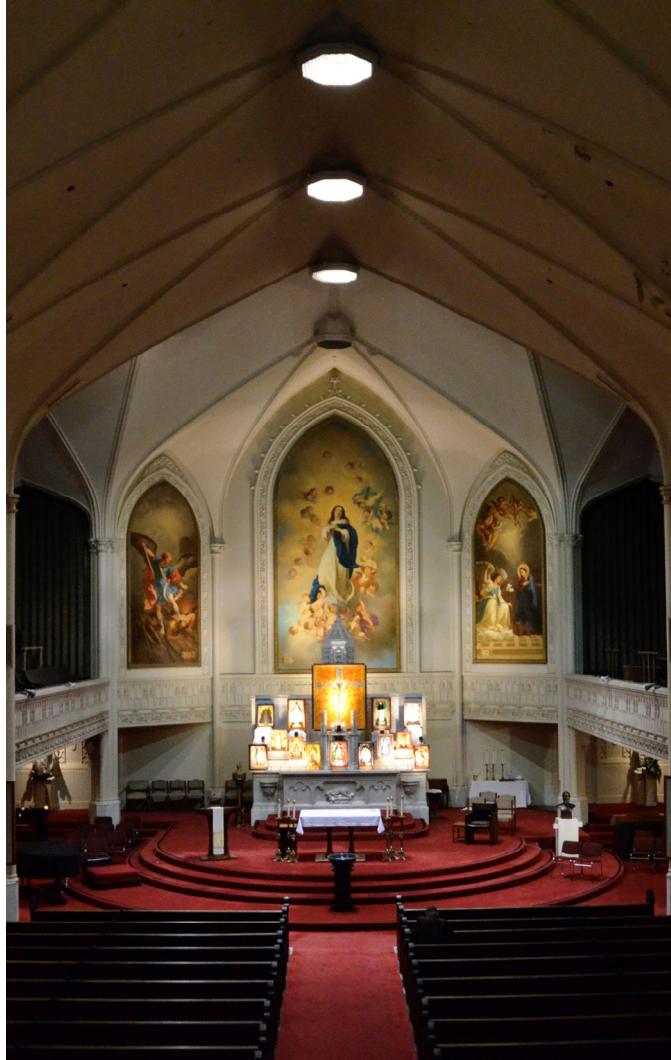


Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Everden, 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

WHY DO WE HAVE SO MUCH FUN WITH THE MAGI A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR JOE SCOTT

Whenever I read Matthew's account of the magi, I'm surprised at how sparse it is. Matthew tells us that they came from the East, and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They learn from a dream to avoid Herod and travel home by another route. That's it.

But boy, have we filled in the picture! Over the past 2,000 years we've imagined that the magi were three in number, or maybe twelve, that they were kings, that they rode on camels, that their skin color was white, black and yellow. They came from Persia, or perhaps Arabia, or maybe Africa. They are buried in magnificent tombs in the cathedral at Cologne, if they are not buried in Persia. Their names were Casper, Melchior and Balthazar, if not Arshik, Estanbuzon and Marduk. Within our own lifetimes, the story has kept building. Poets of the stature of William B. Yeats and T. S. Eliot have journeyed with the magi, with new details added (the gospel says nothing about iced sherbet). There is a novel about a fourth wise man and a musical occasionally performed at Christmas about the magi's encounter with a disabled man named Amahl. And have you seen the Christmas card featuring three wise women?

Why are we so fascinated? Overall, Luke was a better story teller than Matthew. But the Church has never seemed quite as interested in his shivering, raggedy shepherds. Why do we care so much about the magi? I have three opinions, solely my own.

First, the magi represent luxury to us, and we love luxury. One of the reasons so many medieval and renaissance artists strove to paint the visitation from these astrologers "from the East" had to do with the pleasure of painting the luxurious colors and textures of their magistral robes.

In recent years we Catholics have become less comfortable in acknowledging our love of luxury. We're embarrassed by our past history of sumptuous vestments and shimmering candlesticks. We want to be more like St. Luke, and like Pope Francis, in seeking to befriend the poorest of the poor. And this is as it should be.

All the same, Catholics are not puritans. The Catholic Church created the Byzantine dome of St. Mark's in Venice and the stained glass windows of Chartres. A Catholic sensibility inspired the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, the music of Mozart and the Sistine Chapel of Michelangelo. It is a fact that poor people enjoy luxury as much as rich people do and should be able to enjoy our cathedrals and basilicas free of charge

and free of hassle. Luxury, when freely and universally shared, carries us away and into the luxurious quality of God's love. "Give, and gifts will be given to you, a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38).

The magi also represent mystery—and we love mystery as well! Why else would we watch film nor detective stories on television? Magi is the word from which magician comes. We are fascinated by the magic only so long as we don't understand the trick. As soon as we figure it out, or the unwise magician explains it to us, we lose interest.

No matter how many details we invent about their lives, the magi manage to remain elusive. We don't know what they meant to Jesus. We don't know what Jesus meant to them. But what we DO know is what it means to be thrown into a trance by a star. To be so entranced as to follow a shimmering light without truly understanding where it may take us, what it will give and what it will cost.

The final reason we cherish the magi is—well, they bring gifts. We've never lost interest that other gift-giver with a white beard and a red suit. December 6 begins the season of gift givers and January 6 brings it to completion. Yes, we DO love luxury! But POSSESSING luxury becomes a problem. We want to enjoy our special treats, but we end up being afraid that a pesky big brother or neighborhood bully will steal them from us. We begin to hate those outside our locked door for making us feel afraid. We build our walls higher. We hire guns.

The magi knew what to do with their luxury. They gave it away. Gold, frankincense and myrrh are precious gifts. Lavish gifts. They're also impractical. It's not care what a baby would do with these gifts, even if the baby is the Son of God. Maybe a basket of diapers would be more helpful to both mother and child. Sometimes both the gift and the gift giver can seem foolish—like the precious oil and the repentant woman who wasted it for love over the feet of Jesus.

The magi leave their gifts and return home empty-handed. Or do they?

This year of 2023, try making some of your gifts foolish ones. God seems to like foolish gifts, and foolish givers. Certainly Jesus does. Be a little more lavish, more surprising, with your love!

Fr. Joe Scott

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 08, 2023

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you for your Christmas Appeal gifts and Christmas envelopes. Your support is keeping us alive. Thanks as well for the many Christmas gifts both personally and for the Paulist Fathers, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by one and all!

Fr. John

INTER-FAITH WINTER SHELTER DINNER

Wednesday, February 01st, 2023, 5:00 -8:00PM

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission, will be hosting an Interfaith Winter Shelter dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA. We will be preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to help prepare and serve, please call Tina Panelli at 415-297-9856. We hope to have at least six volunteers. Also, if you would like to donate toward the meal, we would be very grateful. Please make out your checks to Old Saint Mary's & note that it is for the Winter Shelter dinner.

Thanks so much.

EPIPHANY and BAPTISM - Matthew's Gospel
With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
2:00 PM Mountain Time
on ZOOM 367 360 7803
or go to snowmassbookstore.com

Password : Epiphany

Are you open to God surprises? Are you at all searching in that you might be willing to step out of the comfortable, the routine, the familiar? The Magi were just such people. Because they were willing to be in the darkness they saw a star at its rising. They traveled in the desert darkness when less heated by the sun. Thus they became the first of the Gentiles to worship the Incarnation. And they brought gifts. What gifts do we bring to God in human flesh? How do we live out our baptism, the sacramental gift of God's Holy Spirit given to us?

STATEMENT OF DONATION

If you would like a Statement of your Donation to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2022, please contact Pia Lim at (415) 288 3800.
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BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, January 12th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, January 15, 2023
IS 49:3, 5-6 | 1COR 1: 1-3 | JN 1: 29-34

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



ALL ARE INVITED!

Mass Intentions For The Week

(JANUARY 7 - 14, 2023)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 07

5:00PM THANKSGIVING - Jamie Ong
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Noel Cavanagh
BIRTHDAY - Larry Ma

SUNDAY, JANUARY 08

9:00AM +Napoleon Flores
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Franklin Chinn
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
FOR HEALING - Alice Tsin & Lidia Lam

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:05PM +Que Kim Kuan
HEALING - Steve Clawson & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

12:05PM IN MEMORY OF James & Mary Noble
+Cheryl Cofreros

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

12:05PM +Thomas Hine & Andrew Ferranini, Jr.
+Cheryl Cofreros

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY- Ramon Limjoco
+Cheryl Cofreros

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00PM +Oliver Olson, III
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Jose A. Limjoco

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