

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



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: Earl Fong

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



WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

KING DAVID: GOD'S SINFUL SERVANT! A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



The Old Testament book of Kings, King David, on his deathbed, tells his son Solomon: "Keep the Law of the Lord, and always walk in his ways." It's excellent spiritual advice. But it's a classic example of a saying taking out of context!

If you go home and find this passage in your Bible, and read the very next paragraph, you'll discover very different advice. "Solomon, my son, kill every one of my enemies. I kept a few alive for my own purposes, but now I want them all dead, every last one. Thanks my son, for doing me this favor!"

Well, that's David!

David is the most interesting personality of anyone in the Bible, Old Testament or New. If you read the many stories about David, one minute you'll be thinking, "what a graceful and generous guy" and by the next story you'll mutter, "wow, this man is a real monster."

David is the only Biblical man whose relationships with women are complex and interesting. Many of these women are mentioned by name in these stories and portrayed as real people. David was a charmer, and the Old Testament writers evidently thought that this fact was important to remember.

David was like all remarkable Kings and Queens of history: power was what kept him going, and he was ever jealous of his power. But without David we would have no Israel, no Jerusalem, no Psalms to sing, no Bible, no Jewish people.

But why is David so important to us Christians? Four entire books of the Old Testament centered around his rise and fall. We Christians have always liked to claim that David's DNA ran through the blood of Jesus.

What I think is most important about King David for me is that God loved him. Can God love a charming rogue with a thirst for blood? Well, don't we say that God loves everyone he created? God chose an imperfect sinner in whose battered heart to do his work. Well, aren't we all imperfect sinners?

We don't know why God loved David. In fact, we don't know why David loved God. But God and David worked together to do great things, not the least of them Jesus born in David's hometown, Bethlehem.

Someone once said that the best saints were not perfect and did not set out to become perfect. They just wanted to love God as best they could, and that was all that mattered.

Do you truly believe that God loves you and I with all our sins and failures and imperfection? He only wants us to keep trying. God never gave up on David. And he will never give up on us.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 14, 2024

EASTER NOVENA CARDS

Cards are available in the back of the church and in the church office for a Novena of Masses to be offered after Easter for the Living and Deceased. Please fill out the enclosed paper with the name of those to be remembered.

**ST MARY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND
ST MARY'S CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL
FRIENDS & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Cordially invite you to join us on
Sunday, June 2, 2024**

9:00am Mass

Honoring Fr. John Ardis and St Mary's Anniversary Classes. Hospitality to follow in the Auditorium.

11:30 - 2:30 Farewell & Reunion Luncheon

Far East Café

631 Grant Avenue
San Francisco CA 94108

Honoring anniversary classes of St. Mary's Day School and Chinese Language School

70th - Classes of 1950 to 1954
60th - Classes of 1960 to 1964
50th - Classes of 1970 to 1974

To RSVP or for any questions, contact
stmarysalumassn@gmail.com

Please RSVP by May 6, 2024

SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES (SFEC)

Thinking of getting married in 2024? Take your Pre-Cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

**DATES: JUNE 15 | AUG. 10 | OCTOBER 19
DECEMBER 14**

Website: www.oldsaintmarys.org

WEEKLY NOONTIME CONCERTS - LIVE!

San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break

Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's church, 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit

www.noontimeconcerts.org, or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, or (415) 637-6409.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Campaign Goal : \$ 26,336.
Payments Received : \$ 1780. (as of 4/09/24)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 24,556.



SPIRIT OF HECKER AWARDS

Save the date! April 27, 2024 at 5:30pm

The Paulist Fathers' 4th Spirit of Hecker Awards will be broadcast on Facebook and Youtube. This program will honor exemplary leaders and volunteers from parishes, centers, and ministries served by Paulists, including Old Saint Mary's, in the spirit of our founder, Servant of God Isaac Hecker.

BIBLE STUDY

**with Fr. Tom Tavella
Thursdays, 5PM**

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MERCY CENTER RETREATS AND EVENTS

**Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr
Burlingame**

Retreat Center | 650-340-7494 |

Email: mc@sistersofmercy.org

For more information and to register for retreats go to website mercy-center.org

Refresh and Renew at Mercy Center!

Mercy Center is open and offers spiritual direction formation, retreats, and personal development programs. Please visit the website, above, to view in-person and online programs and retreats. The retreat center offerings will help you to make meaning of life and deepen your spiritual experiences with meditation, art, music, and prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
APRIL 13 - 20, 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:00PM +Dan McDaniel
INTENTION - Robert Roche

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:00AM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Franklin Chinn
THANKSGIVING - Aris dela Paz

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
+Pierre Becquet

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:05PM INTENTION - Garwai Bautista
HEALING- Chad Thompson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:05PM +Petronila Baning
INTENTION - Juan A. Pastor

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

12:05PM HEALING - Chad Thompson
INTENTION - Ernesto A. Aquino

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:05PM HEALING - Chad Thompson
INTENTION - Marie Geraldine Ginete

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00PM +Lily Belia
HEALING - Victor Tang

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu, Stella Bielat,
Mary Nham, Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui



The parishioners and staff of Old Saint Mary's Cathedral and the Paulist Fathers wish you and yours all the Blessings of the Risen Lord.

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