

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.

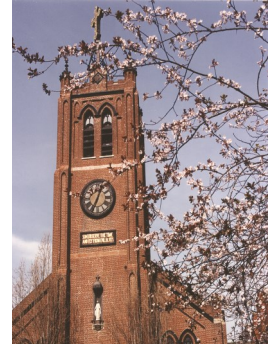


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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.



WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus realizes he needs help in spreading the gospel. We know he picked twelve men, but it's interesting the choices he makes. He doesn't pick any Temple priests, an elite class who received their office by birth and heredity. He doesn't choose any rabbis, who received special training in the Jewish Law. Jesus chooses instead laymen who, so far as we can tell, had almost no education. Fishers and tax collectors did not have much learning apart from their craft. Neither does Jesus choose people who might be considered powerful or influential members of their community. He chooses men who have spent enough time with him that they love him and want to treat people the way he treated people.

We need more good pastors and leaders in our Church. Everyone knows this. Why don't we finally think about reaching out to women with the invitation to share their gifts of love and service and leadership within the Catholic church?

We know that practically every other Christian church, except the white Southern Baptists, has done this. Most Protestant Churches now feature women preachers. The Anglican Church, our closest neighbors in theology, are now regularly ordaining women as both priests and bishops.

It used to be unthinkable within the Jewish community that a woman could serve as a rabbi. Now nearly all branches of Judaism select women as rabbis. I've worked with several woman rabbis and have been very impressed by the leadership they now share with their communities and with the larger community that includes us.

Why are we so startlingly different in our refusal to hear women preachers? Let's be honest: the primary reason is a fear of women as bearers of temptation that has cursed our Church almost from its beginnings. If you're doubtful about this, ask any Bishop, even a nice one, what he thinks about women as preachers of the Good News in our Catholic Churches?

The odds are pretty good that "Bishop Whoever" will respond with a horrified look, and a refusal to engage with you in any reasonable discussion about the issue. You're not even allowed to THINK about it, and neither is he! That's FEAR! And didn't Jesus say, "don't be afraid?"

What's the point of having a Christian community if we can't be honest with each other? If we can't even THINK about what seems like a perfectly legitimate question, and a perfectly legitimate need?

Some years ago, Paulist Fr. Bob Rivers invited me to participate in a preaching team for Evangelization. Jesus sent his missionaries out in two, and so did Fr. Bob. Each Paulist was teamed with either a Religious Sister or a laywoman. My team member Joan and I shared in leading eight missions over a period of four years. We began preaching as a team at the Sunday Mass and then gave mission talks together for the five nights of the mission. We also gave talks in the schools and led prayer groups. These were middle of the road parishes, each in a different State. I learned a lot from my mission partner, Joan, and I hope she learned a few things from me!

The important thing was that the people in all the parishes we visited accepted Joan's preaching as a work of the Holy Spirit, as did the pastors who had invited us.

Of course, it helped that my partner Joan had preaching talent and pastoral gifts. It was also important that Paulist Fr. Bob Rivers recognized those gifts and listened to the Holy Spirit in giving both of us the opportunity to preach.

I invite you all to pay attention this October when Pope Francis convenes in Rome a world-wide gathering of the Synod of the Catholic Church, in order to respond to the many issues our world faces. This will take place in two sessions, from October 2023 to October 2024. It used to be only Bishops attended synods, but the Pope has invited both lay men and lay women to participate and has given them voting power in the deliberations. Let me emphasize this: women delegates will have the same voting power as everybody else. Make no mistake about it, this is a major step forward in our Church!

Old St. Mary's parishioners participated in the earlier steps of this synod. Now, our task is to pray for the men and women delegates. What if each of us starts praying now that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to give Catholic women the voice in the Church that we so evidently need. There's no harm in praying!



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

CELEBRATING 169 YEARS as CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CATHEDRAL

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, JULY 30, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The funds given to the AAA support these services and ministries

Parish Ministry & Schools = 25%	Universal Church & Communications = 19%
Social Ministry = 24%	Clergy Support = 32%

**Old St. Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
AAA 2023**

Campaign Goal	: \$ 46,762.
Payments Received	: \$ 11,739. <i>(as of 7/18)</i>
Less Payments Received	: \$ 35,024.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities CYO Camp is offering a limited number of scholarships for youth to attend a week of CCCYO Summer Camp, thanks to a one-time gift from a generous benefactor who wants to give youth of all backgrounds the joy of experiencing CCCYO Camp. Set among 217 acres of towering coastal redwoods in Occidental, CA, Catholic Charities CYO Camp is a place where campers form positive relationships with self, others, nature and GOD. Youth swim, play a variety of sports, sing campfire songs, participate in arts & crafts, and eat family style meals. Experience CCCYO Camp staff create a memorable experience for youth, helping them form lifelong friendships. **REGISTRATION is open for youths ages 7-18: Session 5, July 27-August 2.**

For more information, contact Rick Garcia, Director of CYO Camp, at rgarcia@CatholicCharitiesSF.org, or 707-874-0203.

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA

Thursday, August 03, 5:00PM

READINGS for SUNDAY, AUGUST 06, 2023

DN 7: 9-10; 13-14 ; 2 PT 1: 16-19 ; MATTHEW 17: 1-9



JOIN ZOOM MEETING : Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610 : Passcode : 016304

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES

Thinking of getting married in 2023? Take your pre-cana class with us. One Saturday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM. Dates: August 12, October 14, December 09.

NOONTIME CONCERTS San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break

LIVE! Weekly Noontime Concerts happen every Tuesday at 12:30PM at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral 660 California Street in San Francisco. For concert schedules visit www.noontimeconcerts.org, or call Robin Wirthlin at (415) 777-3211, (415) 637-6409.

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR
with Fr. Tom Tavella will
return in SEPTEMBER!**

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Mass Intentions For The Week

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(JULY 29 - AUGUST 05, 2023)

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00PM IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00AM BIRTHDAY - Allan Silva
IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY
IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo

TUESDAY, AUGUST 01

12:05PM INTENTION for Philip V

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02

12:05PM +Nanette Jalimao
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Francisco Aquino, Sr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 03

12:05PM IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo
HEALING - Roxy Lim

FRIDAY, AUGUST 04

12:05PM MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 05

5:00PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Francisco Limjoco, Sr.
For All Souls Offering

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Catalina &
Regina Bautista, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina
Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham,
Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan, Frankie
Chios, Krystine Pagdayanan, Erlinda Cheng,
Florita Andolong & Family, Trish Bui, Mian Gancayco



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

