

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

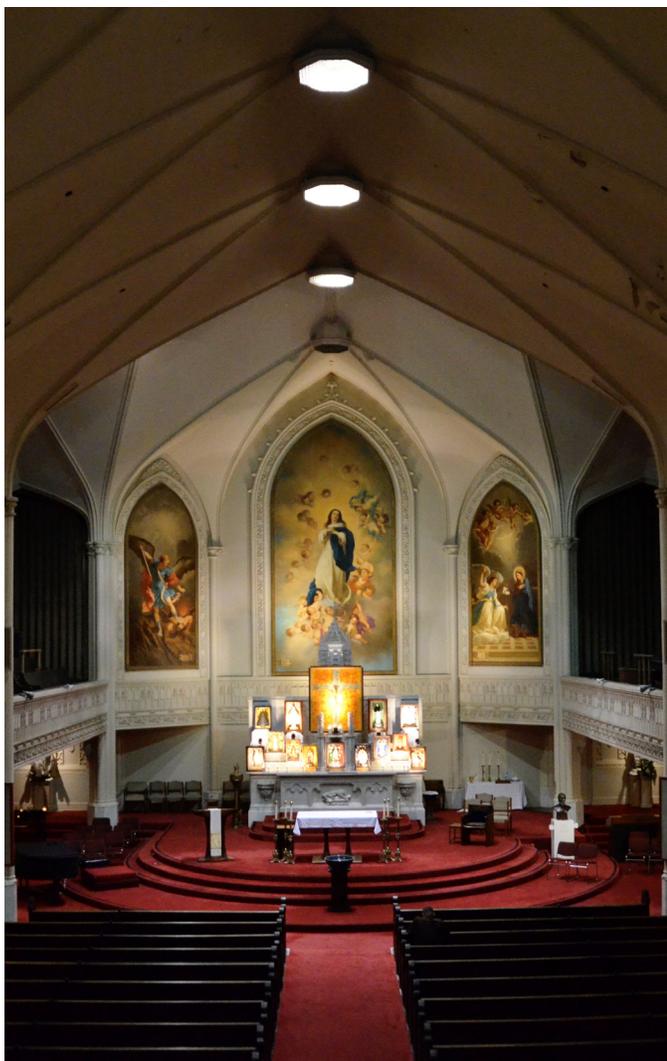
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Notes from the Paulist



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

A REFLECTION ON THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

It might not be a surprise that the prodigal son story is my favorite to preach. It's easy to understand, and to agree with. It might be worthwhile, however, to explore a bit more about the three characters in this story.

The youngest son is the bad boy. I must admit, being a bad boy can be fun, at least for a while. I know the temptations this young man faces. I've been tempted by them as well. I can only be grateful that I did not have a large inheritance to spend when I was 20 years old! For most of us, wisdom takes a lifetime to learn. We start the learning process when the enthusiasms of our youth are likely to get us into trouble. Sin can be easy to commit, but repentance and the healing of hurt takes a while. That's what happens to this young man. He's in trouble. The inheritance he happily squandered seems like it would last forever, except it never does.

Now he's starving to death. The American poet Robert Frost, in his poem "The Death of a Hired Man", wrote: "home is where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." This sounds cynical, but that's exactly where this young man is. What are his options? We all assume that his father was naturally as loving as he appears in this parable, but we don't know that for a fact. We don't know what his family life was like, especially when he was being a bad boy. All we know is what HE knows, that he truly has no choice. As Bob Dylan has informed us, "when you ain't got nothin', you got nothin' to lose."

What about the older son? He's the good boy. For years, he's tried to do all that his father asked, to be the responsible one. Meanwhile, he's watched his kid brother get away with murder. How many times has he thought: "I've done everything right. I was taught that the 4th commandment says 'honor your father and your mother,' and I have. But my parents liked him better since he was a baby. They thought he was so cute, could do no wrong. They always had an excuse for him. And how many pats on the back did I NOT get? I tried to warn them about how he was taking advantage of them, but they wouldn't listen. To tell you the truth, I was glad when he left home. Good riddance! But now, he wants to come back! He'll convince Dad to give him MY share of the inheritance to waste as well.

Don't I get any reward for being good?" One thing to remember is that the younger son has been completely out of touch with his family since he left. How could he not be? He's in a far-off country. No zoom. No e-mail. No smart phone. Maybe he could get a Scribe to write a letter for him, but that would cost money he's already wasted away. And would he start writing now, when he's never written them before? Now, the Father. We warm to that familiar image of the father rushing down the road to embrace his son and we think, why, of course. He's an all loving, all forgiving man, just like Jesus, just like God. We don't stop to think about how much hurt this young man has caused him. About how much pain and hurt he has caused the boy's mother, his wife. How many times over the long years has this husband watched his wife crying out in her grief, "what did we do wrong? What could we have done better to bring him back to us? If only he would send just one letter to let us know where he is, and if he is okay." All the wealth this man has spend a lifetime earning cannot save his son or comfort his wife.

Now, a neighbor brings the news. His younger son is trudging down the road, looking like a scarecrow. The father stands still for a while, soaking in the news. Does he feel love at first, or rather resentment for all this foolish young man has cost him and his family?

Notice, the mother is absent from this story. Perhaps his wife who grieved so long and so hard has died from her grief. He feels her ghost on the road beside him. He feels her pain in his soul, and part of him wants to punish this boy and punish him hard. But still, he wonders, "what would his mother want? Yes, what would SHE want?"

Meanwhile, there's the small, still voice of God in his heart, reminding him of the long ago day that he lifted a tiny, squalling baby into the air and whispered with unsurpassing joy, "this is my son."

The father waits at the end of the road. He's sees his son, so tiny again, way off in the distance. He doesn't know yet what he is going to do. What would YOU do?



Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
Special Collection, May 21 & 22, 2022**

THIS WEEKEND's Second collection is for the missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Bro. Henry Gaither, of the Sacred Heart will be asking for your prayers and financial assistance at all Masses this weekend. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines. Please be generous!

**WOMEN's RETREAT for HEALING
After ABORTION. May 20-22, 2022,
Bilingual English and Spanish**

Led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ with Father James Liebner, SVD. The event will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling. It will be held at a confidential location. To sign up for details, visit sfarch.org/Rachel or call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.org

**PAULIST PILGRIMAGES PRESENTS —
IGNATIUS in ROME
June 26 to July 02, 2022**

You are invited to join Frs. Julio Giuliatti, SJ and Thomas A. Kane, CSP on a seven day Ignatian Pilgrimage into the heart of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome. We invite our pilgrims to engage fully in the Spiritual Exercises to deepen their relationship with Christ. Retreat conferences will focus on the spirituality of St. Ignatius and Jesuit history. This will be a small group experience, land only. Or go to www.paulistpilgrimages.org

SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Thinking of getting married in 2022?
Take your pre-cana class with us. Sessions for 2022: **June 11, August 13, October 15, & Dec. 10.**
One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.
Visit our website : www.oldsaintmarys.org;
Email: tomtavella@paulist.org

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends - Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Joshua Ruelas, Ronnie Verceles, Quincy Castillo, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Luis Landa & Family, Tolentino Family

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with FR. TOM TAVELLA

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513

Passcode: 003859



**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 5:00PM (PST)**

READINGS for SUNDAY, May 22nd

ACTS 15: 1-2, 22-29

RR 21: 10-14, 22-23

JOHN 14: 23-29

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910

Passcode: 332406



ALL ARE INVITED!

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(May 14 - 21, 2022)**

SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00PM +Concepcion Espejon
PRAY for UKRAINE

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:00AM THANKSGIVING - Melvin Chan
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
Zio Mueller - Sick of Cancer

TUESDAY, MAY 17

12:05PM IN MEMORY of +Peter Chan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

12:05PM INTENTIONS - Gene, Chris, & Alicia Ammann

THURSDAY, MAY 19

12:05PM INTENTIONS - Homer & Gloria

FRIDAY, MAY 20

12:05PM +Bening Gallano, Sr.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

5:00PM Pray for UKRAINE
GOOD HEALTH - Lena Grabowski & Family