

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.

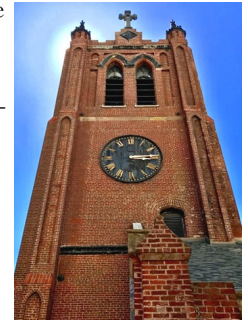


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

ST. PATRICK : PATRON OF THE PAULIST FATHERS

March 17, the feast of St. Patrick, has for many years been a time of celebration in San Francisco and throughout the nation --for Irish Americans and for those who want to be, at least one day of the year. Behind the shamrocks and the green beer lies the honest pride of a people who, within few generations, rose from living in tenements to twice residing in the White House. These days citizens of America as much as those of Ireland feel comfortable claiming Patrick. This was not always the case. America's relationship with its immigrants has often been a troubled one. Yet at our best we have found ways to triumph over our fears and prejudices to welcome "the troubled masses yearning to breathe free." March 17 reminds us of this good news more than any other day.

St. Patrick is also one of the patrons of the Paulist Fathers, and his story is told in one of the stained glass windows of Old St. Mary's. This is perhaps a nod to John Sullivan, the banker who donated money to build the cathedral in 1854. Mrs. Sullivan is the only former parishioner buried in our crypt.

Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, chose St. Patrick to be one of our patrons because he wanted us to be missionaries, to make converts in America just as St. Patrick brought the faith of Christ to Ireland. Although the early Paulists were converts from Protestantism (perhaps a few bearing traces of Scots-Irish blood), the first and for many years the only Paulist parish ministered to refugees of the Irish famine. St. Paul the Apostle and later Good Shepherd parish in Manhattan provided a steady stream of New York and a few San Francisco Irish immigrant vocations that enabled this young, small religious community to grow and flourish.

As a long time Paulist, I find St. Patrick an apt patron.

First, for his love of a good story. One of the first things that attracted me to the Paulist Fathers was that nearly all of our priests were great story tellers, and seemed born to love a story well told.

Do you remember any saints a wise elder told you stories about when you were a child? I would hazard a guess that the names of St. Nicholas and St. Patrick would come to mind. The church has always remembered stories to tell about these two. But the legends of snakes and shamrocks formed over the centuries about St. Patrick take a back seat to the story he told about himself. We know more true history about St. Patrick than we do about St. Nicholas and it all came from Patrick's own hand. We are not indebted to Patrick for dry tracts of theology but rather for the living manuscript of his own autobiography.

A Roman boy captured by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland, who eventually escaped and return to his own home, only to answer the call of a dream to return to the land of his captivity not as an avenger but as the bearer of the glad tidings of Jesus—isn't this a tale worth telling?

My second reason for finding an apt patron in St. Patrick is his love of nature. Ireland is a breath-taking land. As an enslaved shepherd, Patrick knew its harsh realities of frost and biting wind. Yet he also marveled at the glory of the rising sun and the tranquil beauty of a haloed moon. Catholics in Ireland have ever found the seeds of poetry in the earth, wind and stars, and didn't that begin with Patrick?

In his encyclical "Laudato Si", Pope Francis summons us to "care for our common home." No doubt our Holy Father gains inspiration from his namesake who sang of "brother sun and sister moon." But St. Patrick also made use of the green glory of his adopted land to evoke the presence of the Creator - God who fathered Jesus to be our Savior. And then there is St. Patrick's love of freedom. He knew what it was like to be a slave. In his writings, he consistently opposed slavery in all its forms. He wanted to bring the gospel of Christ to those who had once enslaved him, so that they would never again oppress another human being.

Fr. Hecker also loved freedom. In his perhaps most widely quoted remark (at least among Paulists) he argued that "...one of the natural signs of the true Paulist must be that he would prefer to suffer from the excesses of liberty rather than from the arbitrary actions of tyranny!"

Irish stock can make for free-spirited companions, and during the first hundred years or so of Paulist history, priests with the familiar names of Cunningham and Barry, Reynolds and Murphy answered Hecker's call and preached the gospel in the heart of rural Protestant Tennessee and Mormon Utah. The first Paulist pastor of Old St. Mary's in Chinatown was Fr. Edward Bernard Brady, back in 1894.

The Paulist Fathers are a richer and more diverse community today. Dwyer and Tully pray and minister with Tou and Zamora and Tran and Desiderio. Other feast days have become as significant to us as March 17. Yet we haven't given up on St. Patrick. Our newest parish is dedicated to the great missionary and to the Irish and American communities residing in of all places, Rome! I'm grateful (with my proud one-quarter of Irish blood) that St. Patrick is still a companion on our adventure.

Paulist Fr. Joe Scott

**THIRD SUNDAY of LENT
MARCH 12, 2023**

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 (AAA)

Campaign Goal : \$46,762.

The theme for this year's Annual Appeal is

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

Your GIFT makes a real difference!

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, March 16, 5:00PM**

**READINGS : Sunday, March 19, 2023
1SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | EPH 5:8-14 | JN 9:1-41**

Join ZOOM Meeting :

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FRIDAYS of LENT 6:15PM (PST)

Fr. Tom is inviting you to Stations of the Cross for Lent.

(March 10, 17, 24, 31)

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**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



MARCH 11-18, 2023

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

**5:00PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino
+Thomas Hine & +Jaime Wilbert**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**9:00AM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family
THANKSGIVING - Juliana Low**

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

**12:05PM FOR HEALING - Ferdinand Aquino
+Rose Fanelli
INTENTIONS - Ann & Rosie Nola**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

12:05PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

**12:05PM STRENGTH - Catalina Bautista
+William Quinn, Sr.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

**12:05PM HEALING - Ferdinand L. Aquino
WITH SYMPATHY - +Mary Georgulos**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**5:00PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family
THANKSGIVING - Marcus Chan**

**SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR with
FR. TOM TAVELLA**

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 836 9895 6318



FR. TERRY RYAN TEACHING

Wednesdays, March 15, 22, April 5, 2023

2:00 PM Mountain Time

(remember Daylight Savings Time, March 12)

stbenedictsretreathouse.com

OR, Zoom 367 360 7803 | Password : Lent

The contemplative and others who are trying to let go of things can find Lent to be a good time for LESS. Some people fast, or go to special worship services, or do special good works to help others. This is all good, but it can also add to what may already be a too busy life. Then you might be glad when Lent is over. How about trying for less noise, chaos, constant efforts to accomplish things that are not as necessary as you might otherwise think. God creates time. We use it. Lent can be a time of more stillness, silence and solitude. It is only for 40 days. Try it on and see how it fits.

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

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Mary Nham, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP
Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Christian Bocobo, Frankie Chios

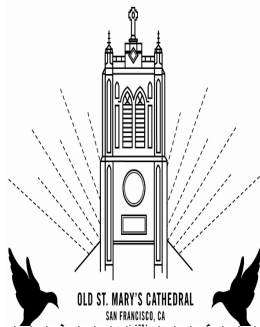
**Please join us on March 19th
At the 9AM & 11AM Masses
followed by a Pancake Breakfast**



- Have fun, eat and drink.
- Come meet the Paulist Fathers and OSM Community.
- Get reacquainted with the Paulist and OSM if you have been away.
- Invite a friend or family member.
- Discover how this can be your spiritual home.

***We look forward to Celebrating
with You!***

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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

