

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

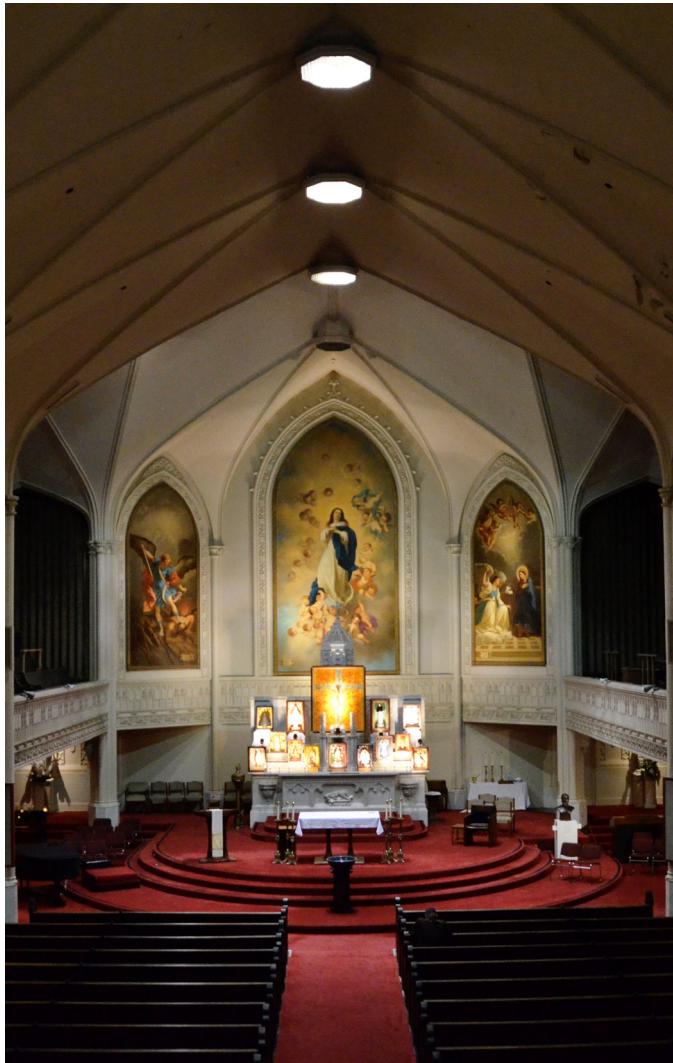
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

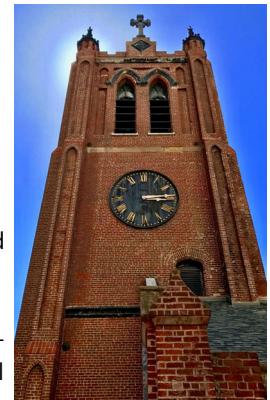


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

SINNER OR APOSTLE? THE CHALLENGE OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE



In 1896, an ancient and quite provocative document was discovered in Cairo. It was a collection of fragments quickly referred to as “the gospel of Mary.” It’s a narrative of a conversation between Mary (most often presumed to be Mary Magdalene), Peter and Andrew. Peter tells Mary he knows she was a close disciple of Jesus, and the sole party to some of Jesus’ teachings. He asks her to share what she remembers. Mary recounts the special teaching that she received—but then, Peter and Andrew refuse to accept her memories as a valid teaching of the Lord.

Peter and Andrew insist that the testimony of a woman, no matter how close she was to Jesus, cannot be accepted by the Church as authentic teaching.

This little fragment from the 2nd or 3rd century demonstrates what a problem Mary Magdalene was to the early Church. The fact that Jesus respected women as witty conversationalists, as willing disciples, and—God help us—as tender friends, was something these early Christians felt they could not afford to remember. If Mary Magdalene had actually written a gospel, I imagine that it was buried under the sands by some pious and affronted Christian.

The early church’s discomfort with any attention paid to the wisdom of Mary Magdalene may help us to understand why, despite the fact that St. Paul recruited many workers as his colleagues in discipleship, within 200 years the leadership and wisdom of any women at all had come to be questioned, and indeed suppressed, by the male leadership of the church. Ever since, the Catholic Church has had trouble listening to smart women, like the ones Jesus had fun debating in Canaan and Samaria.

Mary Magdalene is clearly a key figure in the gospel accounts of the Resurrection. She is the first disciple to encounter the risen Lord, and the first witness to proclaim the good news to the other disciples. So why don’t we celebrate her feast day (July 22) with the same solemnity we observe for the feasts of Peter and Paul?

Pope Gregory I (now known as the Great) had a lot to do with that. He gave a homily in 591 CE in which he identifies Mary Magdalene as being the “sinful woman” who washes Jesus’ feet as an act of penitence. Gregory went so far as to insist that Mary Magdalene was guilty of all seven of the “deadly” sins. Not a single male disciple is singled out by the Church in this way, not even Judas! There is no evidence for this scandalous detraction in any of the gospels, and no one in the 600 years before Pope Gregory had identified Mary Magdalene as a great sinner. But with Gregory’s words, the Magdalene in popular imagination went from “first witness of the Resurrection and first gospel” to being a remorseful prostitute. The term “Magdalene” has become shorthand for sinner.

Was Mary Magdalene a sinner? Of course she was! So are you. So am I. In truth, I know absolutely nothing about the nature of her sins. Nor did Pope Gregory 1. The gospels simply don’t reveal them, because they were important only to her and God.

But why has it been so necessary for the church to hold up Mary Magdalene as a prime model of bad behavior? And why has her valuable contributions as first witness to the resurrection been overlooked? I’ll share more about that in next week’s bulletin!

Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

July 17, 2022

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

Thursday, JULY 21 | 5:00PM (PST)

READINGS for SUNDAY, JULY 24th

GN 18: 20-32; COL 2: 12-14

LUKE 11: 1-13

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910

Passcode: 332406

ALL ARE INVITED!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(July 16 - 23, 2022)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

5:00PM HEALING PRAYER - Carina Lacuesta
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JULY 17

9:00AM PRAYER for the Poor Souls
11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 19

12:05PM WEDDING ANNIV. - Gloria Raymundo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

12:05PM +Rita Solari

THURSDAY, JULY 21

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family

FRIDAY, JULY 22 (Feast of St. Mary Magdalene)

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family

SATURDAY, JULY 23

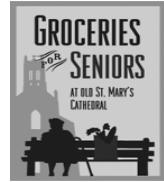
5:00PM +Angelo Quintela
+Jose Pepito Geronimo (40th day)

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends

Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia,
Quincy Castillo, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Leonora Tolentino & Family,
Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Luis Landa

GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

If the independent spirit of July has you contemplating how you might best serve your community this summer, why not consider volunteering with Groceries for Seniors. Groceries for Seniors is looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday through Thursday, 8:30-11:00am. Groceries for Seniors' team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement to create bags of nutritious food. If you have a free morning Mon -Thurs, we hope you'll consider joining us. Please email Tim Thompson at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com and let us know in advance which morning might work for you.



We Welcome . . .

*People of All Faiths & All Races
People of Diverse Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders
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***



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