

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

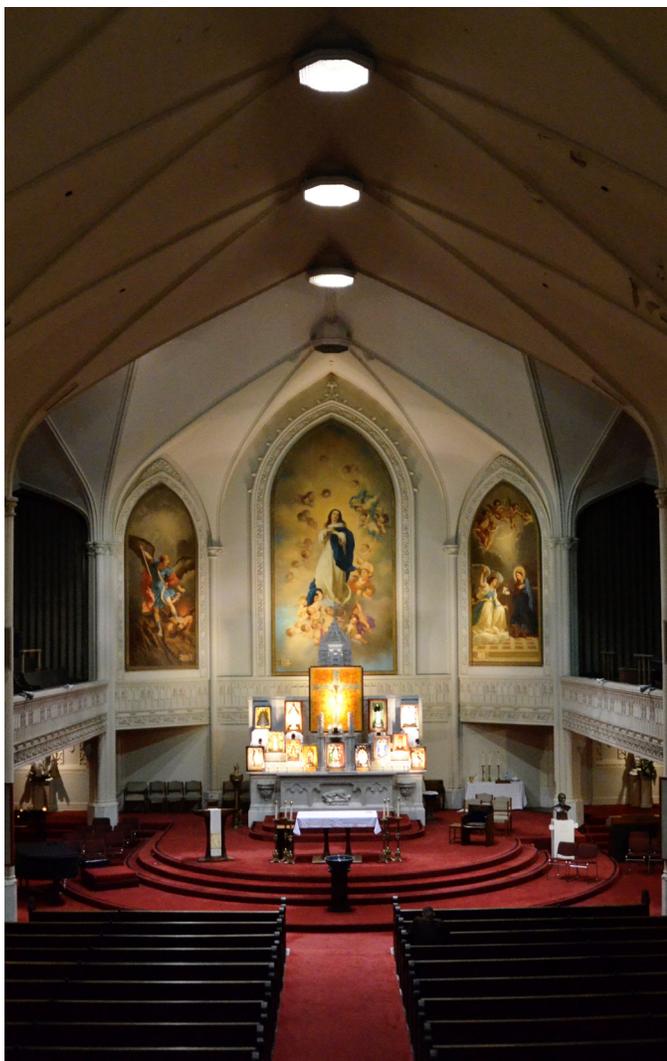
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, 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



The Church and the Child: a Reflection on Mark 9:37

“Taking a child, Jesus placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around the child, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

I like this story about Jesus lovingly putting his arms around a child. But it also troubles me.

We are all so aware of the sexual abuse committed in Catholic institutions for so many years, as well as the attempts on the part of church leaders to cover it all up. Rather than respect the innocence of children, so many in powerful positions violated that innocence. We may feel relieved that the eye of the media has passed on to other news, at least for a moment. But I fear that as a church we have not fully repented of fostering the institutions and the attitudes that led to these crimes against the most vulnerable of us all. If we don't fully repent of it, can we as a people of faith fully recover from it?

When I remember this loving image of Jesus taking a child in his arms, I also recall that for so many years Catholic schools were noted not for their kindness but for their discipline. Our schools were the ones who allowed corporal punishment of the little ones in their care. Now, a lot has changed for the better with Catholic schools. And I wouldn't be here today were it not for the caring and faithful teaching I received from Catholic sisters and Catholic laywomen and the sacrifices they made on my behalf.

It bothers me, however, that so many young Catholics still come to confession tormented by fears of hell and eternal damnation for any sexual feeling or desire. They learned this first as terrified youngsters in the trust of a Catholic adult authority. Why are we failing to introduce our children to the Jesus who welcomes them with open and loving arms? The Jesus who says to all of us: “*be not afraid?*”

There is a story among Buddhists that the Buddha once told a group of parents, “*care about your children and bless them, as every child is the little Buddha who helps his or her parents to grow up.*” What if we Christians saw every child as a little Jesus!

Think of Jesus with his parents in the Temple. I'll bet most of us truly don't like this story. Jesus runs away, doesn't tell his parents where he's going, invades a sacred space without permission and starts arguing with and challenging the rabbis and other respected elders. Let's remember that he's 12 years old when he does this! Have you ever heard this story and muttered to yourself, “*Mary and Joseph should take this boy home to Nazareth and teach him some manners.*” We're not quite ready to accept a boy's—or maybe even more a girl's—disruptive wisdom.

Think of your children. Think of your grandchildren. How have they been Jesus for you? Perhaps sometimes they've taught you wisdom by delighting you. And perhaps they've taught you wisdom by breaking your heart. Little Buddhas and little Jesus' are capable of either.

By either way they can nudge us along the path of a greater spiritual maturity. And what about the little child within you, perhaps hidden away in a well-concealed memory in your heart. The child who could run all day and loved to mess things up, the child who was scared of the moon but fascinated by a rainbow, the child who blurted out words that were terribly embarrassing but also terribly true, the child who would rush across the room to greet Mommy or Daddy with a huge hug and a huge love.

Do you hide that child from your adult self or does he or she sometimes poke at your heart demanding to be heard?

One of the impossible things about Jesus is that he wants us to be little children. Yes, he wants the whole church, from Pope Francis down to you and me, to be little children. To be honest, we haven't figured this one out yet. But for Jesus' sake and for our own sake we must do our best to try!



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

**My extreme gratitude to all who made my birthday celebration this past weekend one to remember. I am grateful for the delicious cakes after each mass, and also for the wonderful pork buns after the 11AM Mass. I am also eternally grateful for your many kindnesses to me. God Bless One and All,
Fr. John**

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR

With Fr. Tom Tavella
Sundays, 4PM (PT)
Join ZOOM Meeting -
Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513
Passcode: 003859



RESPECT LIFE WEBINARS

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Join us for a series of webinars that address the findings of an important study on abortion attitudes in the U.S.

- **Prenatal Development**
Tuesday, October 05 @12:30 pm
- **What is Legal?**
Tuesday, October 12 @ 12:30 pm
- **The Ethics**
Tuesday, October 19 @ 12:30 pm

For information and to register visit sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars. Questions? Contact Maria at 415-614-5533 or prolife@sfarch.org

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (September 25 - October 02, 2021)

Saturday September 25

5:00PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Sunday, September 26

9:00AM † BIRTHDAY - + Erle & Kyle Castillo +

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, September 28

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Wednesday, September 29

12:05PM † GIFT OF LIFE - The Smith Family

Thursday, September 30

12:05PM † GOOD HEALTH - James Philip Bautista

Friday, October 01

12:05PM † PRAYER to End Pandemic

Saturday, October 02

5:00PM † PRAYER for All Saints & All Souls

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista, Quincy Castillo, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Tina & Bob Panelli

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

WHEN : September 30, 2021

TIME : 5:00PM PST

READINGS for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
GN 2: 18-24; HEBREW 2: 9-11; MARK 10: 2-16

Join ZOOM Meeting
Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910
Passcode: 332406



ALL ARE INVITED!

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

