

# Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

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

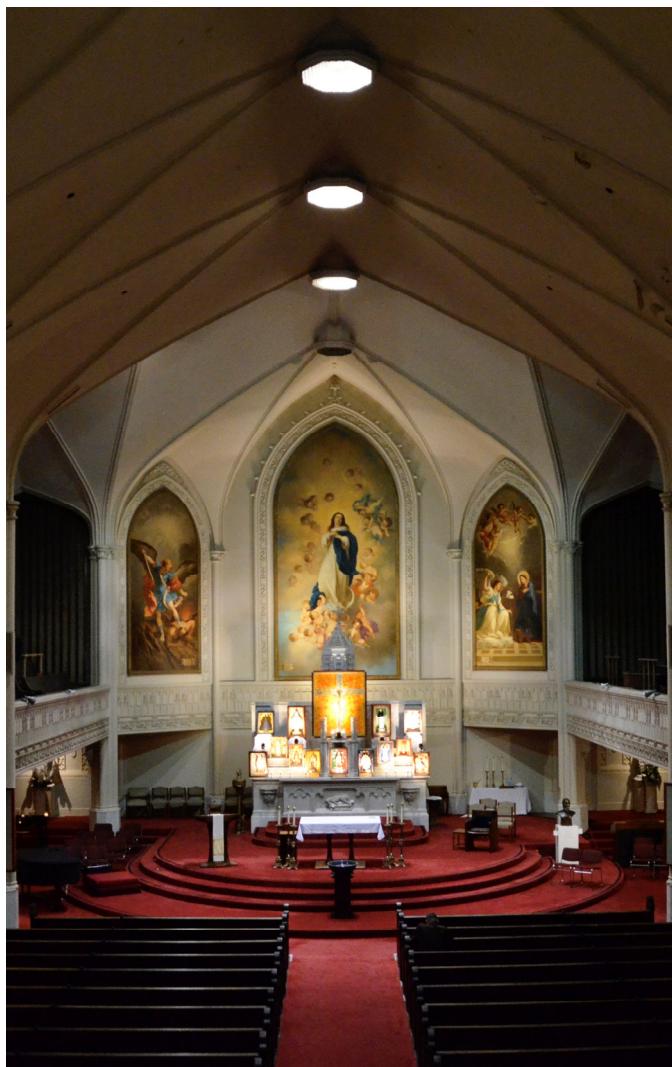
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### 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



## HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS DAY 2022

Some years ago an American family visited Australia. A little girl came up to their young son and said, "You guys are from America. You're so lucky—you have Halloween!"

Halloween is making a comeback this year, after coping with the restrictions of pandemic years. Chinatown is resuming its Halloween party, this year on October 30. There will once again be children and costumes and candy and, of course, lots of masks.

In truth, our experience of Halloween has always been in a state of evolution. My parents, who were children during the Great Depression, remembered a devilish night of soaping windows and dressing trees with toilet paper. After World War II, Halloween was both domesticated and commercialized. My generation gave up the tricks to receive more treats. We were on our best behavior as we showed off our costumes and knocked with eagerness on our neighbor's doors. Our parents got involved in protecting their little witches and pirates against the dark--and may have snatched away a piece or two of the candy for themselves.

Meanwhile the costumes and house decorations kept getting flashier and more expensive. Small farmers soon made most of their year's income selling pumpkins throughout October. For retail stores this Autumn holiday season begins on August 30 and launches what is normally the most lucrative season of the year ending on Christmas Eve.

There is no question that Halloween is an American festival ever growing in visibility. But is it a CHRISTIAN festival? Yes, we learn that the name Halloween means the Eve of All Hallows (the Holy Ones) or All Saint's Day. But is there any meaningful connection between the Eve and the Feast?

All Saints Day was originally All Martyr's Day. It commemorated those who had followed Jesus in giving life itself for the sake of the gospel. What the martyrs endured was as bloody and gory as the shocks lurking in any haunted house. Each martyr had undergone a personal nightmare that ended with an awakening into Christ's triumphant life. The early Christians celebrated the Feast of All Martyrs during the Easter season, connecting in their memories the scary but inspiring trials of Saints Agnes and Lucy and Sebastian and Justin with the death and resurrection of Christ.

After the Roman persecutions ended, at the beginning of the Fourth Century, followers of Jesus realized that they could live a long life and die peacefully in their beds and still become saints in the eyes of God. They observed good people of great love all around them and realized that their lives deserved to be remembered and in fact emulated. All Martyrs Day became All Saints Day.

The Ninth Century brought another important change. The Feast of All Saints was moved from the Easter Season to November 1.

Many had been baptized Christians in the Celtic lands of Ireland, Wales and Scotland. In late Autumn these peoples observed Samhain. It arrived when the nights were getting longer and the days shorter and colder. Winter and death were at the doorstep. It was a time to fear the evil spirits who could take control of one's life. Moving All Hallow's Day to November 1 had the effect of baptizing this time of fear and darkness, transforming it into a season of hope for the Celtic peoples. The dark night of Samhain became the Eve (or Vigil) of all Hallow's.

Halloween can lead us to All Saint's Day. It's the one day of the year (except perhaps Christmas) when we Americans grant value to unseen spirits. And a core aspect of our Catholic way is faith in things unseen.

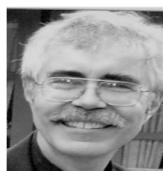
If we believe in the power of invisible germs to purge and destroy, we can trust in the unseen power of the right vaccine. If we can believe in devils, we can believe in angels. If we can believe in witches, we can believe in saints. If we can believe in ghosts, we can believe in the Holy Ghost, who is the invisible Spirit of God's visibly communal love

Halloween is also the one day of the year we as a culture acknowledge the reality of death. Every other day we labor mightily to deny it. Even as we have watched the chilling numbers of Covid 19 deaths presented by our news media something in us turns away and fogs our awareness. 75% of Americans die without a valid will. We tend to say "if I die" rather than "when I die."

Catholics put off receiving the Anointing of the Sick until they're absolutely certain they're on death's door. We Californians build our cemeteries as far away and as out of the way as possible. Who of us ever drives to Colma for a picnic?

But on Halloween we dare to look at coffins and may even decorate our front yard with one. We dress ourselves in white sheets. We can look death in the face and can even amuse ourselves with our fear because deep down inside our hearts, we know that the grave is NOT the end God has in store for us.

A most perceptive Catholic, Page McKean Zromski, has written: "Halloween is like our Mardi Gras before a very serious Lent. We should be able to laugh at our dark side and dress up in costumes and have parties. Let's reclaim our heritage with all the story power, creativity and joyous good fun we can. Let's use it to help us become the saints we are called to be."



**Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist**

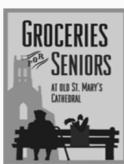
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 23, 2022**

**~ TERRY TALKS ~**  
**With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP**  
**Wednesday, November 9 and 23, 2022**  
**2:00 PM Mountain Time**  
**On ZOOM 367 360 7803**  
**Or go to [snowmassbookstore.com](http://snowmassbookstore.com)**

Up here in the mountains, early November is "Mud Season" and then we move on to THANKSGIVING. So if you turned your clocks back to standard time you can zoom in to look at some of the messiness of deep prayer and how it can move us into a Thanksgiving of surprises. Our second Wednesday will be the day before Thanksgiving. The mud at this time of year comes from beautiful snowfall that turned to mud in November temperatures. It is a metaphor for some beginning meditations that seem beautiful but then become a bit bogged down. Eventually, we give thanks. GOD is at work.

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission  
**ARCHBISHOP's ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)**  
Campaign Goal : \$32,078.  
Received so far : \$ 29,678.  
Needed to reach our goal : \$2,400.

**GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING VOLUNTEERS.**  
The FALL season is upon us, and if this time of the year has you thinking about volunteering - Groceries for Seniors is looking for kind folks to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 11AM, Groceries for Seniors' team meets in Old Saint Mary's basement to create over 200 bags of nutritious food. If you have a free morning Monday - Thursdays, we hope you'll consider joining us. Please email Tim Thompson at [ttgroc4sen@gmail.com](mailto:ttgroc4sen@gmail.com) in advance so we know when to expect you. Thanks!



**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES --**  
Thinking of getting married in 2023? Take your pre-cana class with us.

February 11 | April 15 | June 10 |  
August 12 | October 14 | December 09

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

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**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM

**READINGS for SUNDAY, October 30th**  
**WIS 11: 22— 12:2; 2 THES 1: 11— 2:2**  
**LUKE 19:1—10**

Join ZOOM Meeting :  
Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610  
Passcode: 016304

**ALL ARE INVITED!**



**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

5:00PM +William Cohen

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

9:00AM +William J. Higgins  
+Cindy Lee

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE  
GIFT of LIFE - Francis Wong & Family

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Regina Bautista  
GIFT of LIFE - Francis Wong & Family

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Regina Bautista

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

12:05P BIRTHDAY - Albert Ambat

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**

12:05PM +Orlando Alfabeto, Sr.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

5:00P THANKSGIVING - Francis Wong & Family

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, &**

**Friends :** Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Liu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza.