

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

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

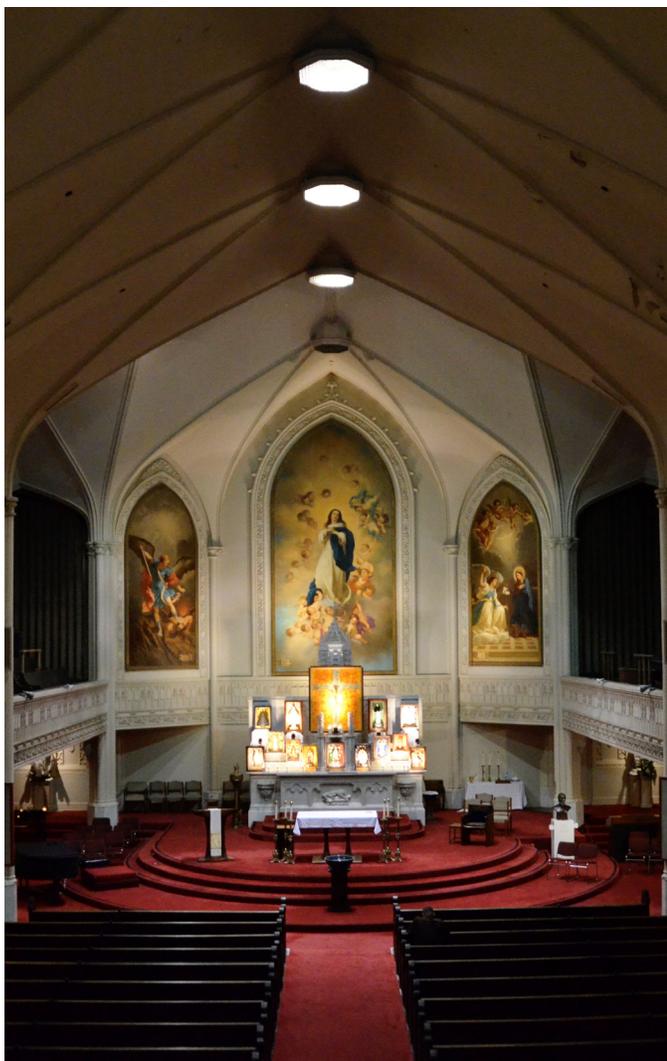
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



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. *The Paulist Fathers have just (2022) elected as our new President Rene Constanza, who was born in Belize.* 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.

Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist

FRIDAYS of LENT at 6:30PM



Fr. Tom is inviting you Stations of the Cross for Lent. (March 04, 11, 18, 25, April 1, & 8)
Join ZOOM Meeting
Meeting ID : 825 1690 7155
Passcode : 929902

READING THE WHOLE GOSPEL IN ONE PARABLE

A discussion led by Fr. Joe Scott in the auditorium after the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, March 27, 2022, 10:15AM to 11:15AM. Bring a cup of coffee and join us. DONATIONS are welcome!

PAULIST PILGRIMAGES PRESENTS — IGNATIUS in ROME

June 26 to July 02, 2022

You are invited to join Frs. Julio Giulietti, 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. For itinerary and information, check www.paulistpilgrimages.org

St. ANTHONY's needs Cantonese-English bilingual volunteers to help at Senior's Farmer's Market, Thursdays 2:30-4:15pm. Every Thursday, St. Anthony's Farmer's Market partners with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to provide healthy, fresh groceries to low-income neighborhood seniors facing food insecurity. A significant portion of our guests are primarily Cantonese speaking. We are hoping to find several volunteers who are bilingual in Cantonese and English to volunteer on Thursdays from 2:30-4:15pm, inside St. Anthony's dining room, located at 121 Golden Gate Ave. Volunteer duties include checking in guests and distributing food. All volunteers are asked to wear a mask and be able to show proof of vaccination. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Eddy at 415-592-2726, or email volunteer@stanthonysf.org

40 DAYS for LIFE SAN FRANCISCO begins this LENT

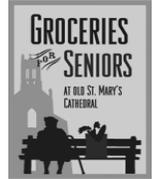
March 2 - April 10, 2022. Planned Parenthood, 1522 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA, 8:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Saturday. Will you join 40-Days for Life this LENT to pray for the end of abortion? Sign up for an hour or two each week to pray! You can sign up via the website or email with your hours at sf40daysforlife@gmail.com or call (408) 840-DAYS (3297). And while you're at it, please invite a friend! 40-Days always welcome new participants!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, 2022



GROCERIES FOR SENIORS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

This MARCH, if spring has put some extra pep in your step, please consider volunteering with Groceries for Seniors We are looking for volunteers to help us pack the grocery bags we deliver to over 1,100 low-income seniors each week. Monday - Thursday, 8:30 -11:00AM. 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-Thursday, we hope you'll consider joining us. For more information, please email Tim Thompson at ttgroc4sen@gmail.com



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (March 12 - 19 2022)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00PM REPOSE of the SOUL - +May Chung
THANKSGIVING - Mabel Chan

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:00AM INTENTIONS - Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Peter Chan
11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Harry Ming

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

12:05PM PRAYER - All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

12:05PM HEALING - Catalina Bautista
+Reynaldo Alcoran

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

12:05PM SPECIAL INTENTION - Albert Ambat
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Cecilia Ma

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

12:05PM GIFT OF LIFE - Phyllis Smith & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00PM INTENTIONS - Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP
GOOD HEALTH - Francis Wong & Family

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -
Xandy Alicante, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina & Regina Bautista,
John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Loida Marzan & Family, Joshua Ruelas