

# 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

## SISTER THEA BOWMAN (1937-1990): A VOICE FOR JUSTICE AND JOY



**Bertha Bowman** was born in rural Mississippi. While attending a Catholic school, she was baptized at age ten. Her religious awakening began when her parents enrolled her in a new school run by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. She fell in love with the work of the Sisters, joined the convent when she was 16, and by custom took a new name indicating her new vocation, Thea ("of God.")

She was the only Black face in the religious order she joined but her keen intelligence and love of God helped her to evolve a very successful ministry, seeking a uniquely Black way of being Catholic.

After she had earned her doctorate in English, her life became a busy round of University teaching, lecturing and giving retreats. In 1980 she helped found the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at St. Francis Xavier University in New Orleans. But she was not a solitary scholar wedded to the classroom. Everyone she met learned that she was full of life. She taught young Black students to rediscover the traditions of gospel music and dance. She taught not only by words but by dancing joyful song.

In her own words, "what does it mean to be Black and Catholic? It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my vulture, my African American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the church."

In 1984 Sister Thea learned that she had terminal cancer. She died in 1990 at 53 years of age. Although she became wheelchair bound and no longer able to dance, her work continued, and so did her joy.

### More words from Sister Thea:

"I think the difference between me and some people is that I'm content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each one would light a candle we'd have a tremendous light."

"I know that suffering gives us new perspectives and helps us to clarify our real value. I know that suffering has helped me to clarify my relationships. Perhaps suffering stops us in our tracks and forces us to confront what is real within ourselves and in our environment."

"I try to make sense of life. I try to keep myself open to people and to laughter and to love and to have faith."

"Part of my approach to my illness has been to say I want to choose life, I want to keep going, I want to live fully until I die."

Sister Thea Bowman has been declared a "**Servant of God**" by the Catholic Church, the first step toward becoming a saint. There are many books written about her, including a Paulist Press biography "Sister Thea Bowman: Do You Hear Me, Church?" authored by Peggy A. Sklar.

Take time to get to know her!

**Fr. Joe Scott, Paulist**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

July 31, 2022

**SOULNAUTS**

with Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

**Wednesdays, August 3 and 17, 2022**

**2:00PM Mountain Time**

**On Zoom 367 360 7803**

**or go to snowmassbookstore.com**

What is a *Soulnaut*? Well, an Astronaut is one who explores outspace. A *Soulnaut* is one who explores inner space. This is the place of the heart prayer, the interior life, that sometimes seems like just as empty a place as outer space. But we know that neither outer space nor inner space is empty. You just have to know how to look. These Wednesdays, beginning with AUGUST, I will reflect on discoveries and the process of the interior life. Come fly with me!

**Why do we need to defend life?  
How do we do that in our culture?**

**Learn more!**

Respect Life Training

Presenter : Father Shenan Boquet,  
President, Human Life International

Wednesday, August 10, 6:00PM

St. Thomas More Parish

1300 Junipero Serra Blvd., San Francisco, CA

**Please RSVP at**

**Sfarch.org/event/respect-life-training**

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

SUNDAYS, 4PM (Pacific Time)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513

Passcode: 003859



**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

Thinking of getting married in 2022?

Take your pre-cana class with us.

**Sessions for 2022: August 13, October 15,  
December 10**

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

Visit our website : [www.oldsaintmarys.org](http://www.oldsaintmarys.org);

Email: [tomtavella@paulist.org](mailto:tomtavella@paulist.org)

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP**

**Thursday, AUGUST 04 | 5:00PM (PST)**

READINGS for SUNDAY, AUG. 07<sup>th</sup>

WIS 18: 6-9; HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19

LUKE 12: 32-48

Join ZOOM Meeting :

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910

Passcode: 332406



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**(JULY 30 - AUGUST 06, 2022)**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

5:00PM BIRTHDAY - Allan Silva

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

9:00AM HEALING - Milagros Aquino & Family

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

With Sympathy - +Joseph Lavryk

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 02**

12:05PM +Nanette Jalimao

+Donnie Fanelli

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 03**

12:05PM +Rose Fanelli

HEALING - William F. Urich

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 04**

12:05PM +Andrew Fanelli

SPL. INTENTION - The Obama Family

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 05**

12:05PM MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY

PRAYER for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 06**

5:00PM +Andrew Ferrannini, Jr.

PRAYER for all Souls

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends**

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