

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.

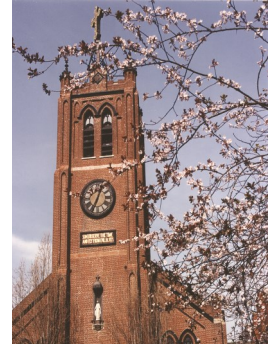


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

Admin. & Adult Faith Formation: Rachael Smit

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.



WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

SANTA CLAUS AND JOHN, THE BAPTIST

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

Santa Claus and John. What might these two icons of Advent have to say to one another?

Can you imagine John the Baptist in red? Not likely! One wears ermine, the other camel's hair. Santa Claus nibbles on cookies and warm milk, John on locusts and wild honey. Santa Claus meets us with a jolly "ho, ho, ho" while John assaults us with "you brood of vipers." Strange companions indeed!

Santa Claus, from the time he began as St. Nicholas, is all about graciousness and generosity and feasting and the giving of gifts, preferably without the giver being seen. But John the Baptist may have given us the greatest gift of all.

John the Baptist is the only figure in scriptures apart from Jesus who has his own nativity story and his own passion story. He precedes Jesus in his birth, in his teaching (especially noted in Luke's gospel) and in his dying the death of a prophet who speaks inconvenient truth to the powerful. The Advent gospels remind us that we can't get to Christmas without going through John the Baptist (twice, no less, on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent).


The early Christians found great meaning in the story of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. When they first met, Elijah was the teacher and Elisha his student. But when Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire, his disciple Elisha received a "double portion of his Spirit." That meant the latter could perform even more spectacular miracles than his mentor to whom he had bidden farewell.

Just as Elisha became much greater than Elijah, the early Christians reasoned, Jesus was much greater than the prophet who baptized him. And John the Baptist had the honesty and the generosity to realize the truth of that.

The synoptic gospels share three examples of John the Baptist bringing the gift of Jesus. First, as a baby in his mother's womb he stirs that womb with a joyful leap, prophesying that Jesus will be a joyful, hopeful prophet in the model of Isaiah. In addition, the Baptist's teaching about justice prepares gospel readers for Jesus' prophetic action in healing the blind and welcoming the forsaken to eat with him at his table. Finally, the death of John under the orders of Herod Antipas predicts Jesus' crucifixion under the authority of Pontius Pilate.

The gospel of John understands the Baptist to be the first evangelist. He announces Jesus as the Lamb of God and encourages his disciples to follow this authentic bearer of the good news. As with many missionaries, John's gift was to point the way to Jesus and then step aside so the Lord's mission could be fulfilled. Like Santa Claus, John the Baptist has an Advent gift for us--which is Jesus, our Christmas morning for all time!

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP



Rejoice Joy Peace

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral
& Chinese Mission

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th (Christmas Eve)
4:30 - 5:00PM (Mini Concert)
5:00PM Vigil Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th (Christmas Day)
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
(11AM English & Cantonese)

MONDAY, JANUARY 01, 2024 (New Year's Day)
11:00 AM (English & Cantonese)

****REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES AS USUAL****
SATURDAY, 5:00PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Campaign Goal : \$ 46,762.
Payments Received : \$ 15,956. (as of 12/04)
Needed to Reach our Goal : \$ 30,806.

Retirement for Religious Second Collection

THIS WEEKEND, December 10th we will have the Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious!

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco,
Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: **February 20, 2024**

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the “Debtor”), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the Bankruptcy Code”).

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASE>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor’s claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing

BE A BLESSING - HOST a TOY/GIFT DRIVE with CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Catholic Charities “Be a Blessing” campaign this Christmas provides toys and gifts to children and families through December 18th. Volunteers can host a toy/gift drive at work, school, or home to benefit this program. Toys/gifts are needed for children from newborn babies to 16-year-old teenagers. Blankets, coats, hats, socks, as well as toiletry items and kitchen essentials are needed for our adults with disabilities and isolated seniors. Contact Darlene Wilson, Volunteer Manager at dawilson@CatholicCharitiesSF.org OR, Volunteers@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

GABRIEL PROJECT ADVENT GIVING TREE

During this Advent Season our parish will be participating on (Virtual) ON-LINE Giving Tree. The Gabriel Project Advent Giving Tree is a way to support pregnant women in need as we celebrate the season. Donations support Gabriel Project, which helps pregnant women throughout the year, through volunteers, or “*angels*”, at parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese. You can support the Gabriel Project by choosing an item or several from the tree online. Your donations help women in need and their babies. To learn more and participate, click the link:

<https://sfarch.org/gabriel-project-advent-tree/>
Contact : Maria Martinez-Mont, 415-614-5533

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, December 14th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, December 17, 2023

IS 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81936410610?pwd=SUpxZHVCOUU4dnZLV3dnVDh4C1J5QT09>

Meeting ID : 819 3641 0610

Passcode : 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK
DECEMBER 09 - 16, 2023**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09

5:00PM +Fr. David Pettingil
For the Poor Souls
Speedy Recovery - Adrian Lebuffe

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00AM HEALING - Viechel Hunter
GOOD HEALTH - Maria Lim

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE
BIRTHDAY - Henry Ng

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:05PM +John Manibusan
+Celso Bautista

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:05PM +Francisco Aquino
+Benito Bautista

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:05PM +Pierre Becquet
+Celso Bautista

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:05PM PRAISE & THANKSGIVING - Cecilia
+Benito Bautista

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00PM IN MEMORY of Don & Eileen Kreps
INTENTION - Tinellhing Aquino
HEALING - Chad Thomson

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu,
Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham,
Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui,
Mian Gancayco,



We Welcome . .

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

