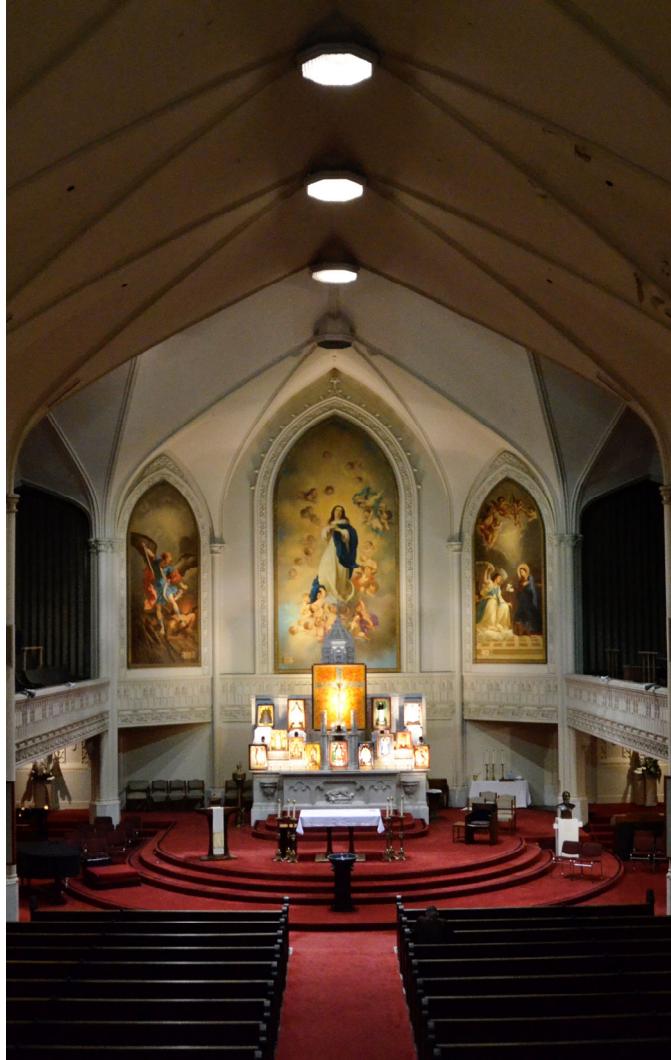


Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Everden, 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.



ALL ARE WELCOME



THE BABY IS GOD! A REFLECTION ON CHRISTMAS BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

Last week, I received a Christmas CD which included the hymn: "Let's Make a Baby King." This title got me thinking. Kings are big and powerful. Babies are little and without power. How can these go together?

The Dominican Fr. Edward Schillebeeckx, one of the important theologians of the Second Vatican Council, once observed that seeds of his faith were planted when he was taken by his parents to midnight Christmas Mass in their parish church in Antwerp. He was very small child, and his fresh imagination was dazzled by all the sights and sounds of that special night. He remembers looking at the figure of Jesus in the manger and thinking, "the baby is God."

I realized that the church never talks about the BABY Jesus. We talk about the INFANT Jesus. The word "infant" seems more solemn, more official. The infant Jesus to me is the statue of wood or plaster we process up the aisle of our church and place in the empty manger on Christmas eve. A plaster infant doesn't raise a commotion. Real babies are different.

A few years back, a Catholic church decided to place a live baby in the manger on Christmas Eve. I know this because the newly born grandson of a friend of mine was chosen to be the baby Jesus, at least for a night. Just think: what would it be like if we had a live baby in the manger on Christmas Eve? Flesh and blood isn't as sedate as wood or plaster!

I'm a worrier. If real baby Jesus giggled at me from the manger, I would think I'd done something ridiculous. If he stared at me with a penetrating look, I would think I'd done something wrong. If the little one began to cry, I wouldn't know what he wanted, although I might have a suspicion.

The adult Jesus tells us that we MUST become like a little child if we are to enter God's kingdom. I've never known quite what this means, although I believe St. Paul might have. Paul was a tough guy who was used to being in charge. He once picked a fight with St. Peter, and PETER was the biggest and strongest of the apostles. But Paul was tormented by some fault that made him feel weak and insecure. When he wanted so desperately to feel proud instead. He called this his "thorn in the flesh." We all have one!

As St. Paul relates: "**I prayed to the Lord three times, that this would depart from me, but the Lord said to me: "My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**"

Do we believe that God's love works best through you and me in our weakest self, through our failures and mistakes and disappointments? I doubt it. We like big and strong, not small and weak. What is there about a small, weak child that can serve as our teacher?

Our relationship with baby Jesus is different from our relationship with Santa Claus. Santa gives us gifts, and we all have our Christmas list. Babies are receivers, not givers.

What does a baby need to receive? Quite simply, the corporal works of mercy. A baby is hungry and needs to be fed. A baby is thirsty and requires a bottle.

A baby comes into the world naked, and needs a warm, dry diaper. A baby also arrives in this world a stranger, and needs to be welcomed, to be given a smile and a name. Babies catch cold and must have their noses wiped.

The adult Jesus tells us, "unless you do these works of mercy for my little ones, you cannot enter God's kingdom!" I imagine that many of us learned how to do the works of mercy by doing them for our own children. Somehow, we find it easier to do these life-warming tasks for little children or pets than we do for frail and fragile adults Jesus named God's little ones.

But doesn't each and every one of us carry a memory of the little child we once were? And don't we each carry a memory of little one ME being hungry or cold, or lost in a strange place, and how awful it felt?

If you search any human being's eyes in a certain way, you'll spot that same memory. We are all God's little ones, whatever our skin color or economic status or likeability.

So who do YOU love most, baby Jesus or grown up Jesus? There must be something to the fact that Christmas is the day, throughout the world, when most Catholics go to church.

Adult Jesus can be demanding. If you listen to his words, he asks a lot of us. He seems at times to be too much for us. It's no secret that we like some of his teachings but can tend to forget about the more challenging ones.

But what of the child still living in the heart of the adult Jesus? I think of Michelangelo's Pieta, revealing Jesus after the Cross has done its work on him. His broken body is in the arms of his mother Mary. Mother Mary probably hasn't gotten to see as much of adult Jesus as she would have liked. He's been so busy about his Father's business. But now he is lying in her arms, as naked as a baby, as helpless as toddler.

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter its gates."

Jesus' bloodied flesh has become the outward sign of his Spirit's deep confidence in his heavenly Father. He died on the wood of the cross as he was born in the wood of the manger, filled with trust and surrounded by love.

Love is what it's all about in the end. The love we have received, and most especially, the love we give.

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 2023

On Saturday and Sunday, January 21st and 22nd we have 2 major events happening:

1. We will welcome our new Pastoral Associate for Administration and Adult Faith Formation after all the masses;
2. Paulist Father Steve Bossi will preach the Paulist Appeal at all weekend masses.

INTER-FAITH WINTER SHELTER DINNER

Wednesday, February 01st, 2023, 5:00 -8:00PM

Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission, will be hosting an Interfaith Winter Shelter dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA. We will be preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to help prepare and serve, please call Tina Panelli at 415-297-9856. We hope to have at least six volunteers. Also, if you would like to donate toward the meal, we would be very grateful. Please make out your checks to Old Saint Mary's & note that it is for the Winter Shelter dinner. Thanks so much.

WALK for LIFE MASS

January 21, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

Celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, CA. Specially composed Mass for the Walk for Life featuring the St. Brigid School Choir to be followed by the Walk for Life West Coast, 12:30PM, Civic Center Plaza. You can visit the website for more information : sfarch.org/event/walk-for-life-mass-2

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STATEMENT OF DONATION

If you would like a Statement of your Donation to Old Saint Mary's Cathedral during 2022, please contact Pia Lim at (415) 288 3800.

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BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA
Thursday, January 19th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, January 22, 2023
IS 8:23-9:3 | 1COR 1:10-12, 17 | MT 4:12-23

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



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**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

(JANUARY 14 - 21, 2023)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00PM +Oliver Olson, III
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Jose A. Limjoco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00AM INTENTION for Joy Bautista
+Que Kim Kuan

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE
INTENTION for Jaime Wilbert

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

12:05PM DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Tony Cahill
+Santos Quintela
BIRTHDAY— +Franklin Chinn

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

12:05PM FOR the SOULS in Purgatory
+Florence Beach

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

12:05PM INTENTIONS - Irene Xi's Old Brother & Wife
FOR the SOULS in PURGATORY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

12:05PM INTENTION - Irene Xi's Younger Brother
FOR the SOULS in PURGATORY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00PM For the Deceased Families of J. Ianucillo
+Paul & Barbara Crudo

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, & Friends :

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Mary Nham, Catalina & Regina Bautista, John Garcia, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Daniel Kreps, Johnson & Nina Leu, Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Oscar Mendoza, Christian Bocobo, Rose Haw, Frankie Chios