



Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission



## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, March 23 & 24**

**Passion (PALM) Sunday**

**5:00PM (Saturday Vigil Mass)**

**9:00AM Mass**

**11:00AM (Bilingual Mass English/Cantonese)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

**12:05PM Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

**12:05PM Mass**

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

**6:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**3:00PM Passion of the Lord in English**

**6:00PM Passion of the Lord in Cantonese**

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (No Mass)**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**9:00AM Mass**

**11:00AM Bilingual Mass in English/Cantonese)**





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### **Paulist Fathers Announce Upcoming Ministerial Changes**

**NEW YORK** \_ The Paulist Fathers, a missionary society of Catholic priests, today announces the society's intent to return pastoral care of **Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Parish** in Berkeley, CA, to the Diocese of Oakland at the end of the current academic year, as well as other upcoming ministerial changes.

The Paulist Fathers have served the Catholic campus ministry at the University of California at Berkeley since 1907.

"It is with sadness that we will complete our ministry with the wonderful students, faculty, administrators, staff members, and permanent community members in Berkeley after 117 years," said Paulist Fr. René Constanza, Paulist Fathers president. "We pray in thanksgiving to God for our long and fruitful ministry with these faithful People of God."

"We are responding to where we believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to serve, considering the changing landscape of the Catholic Church in the United States and the shifting demographics of our own members," said Fr. Constanza, noting that the Paulist leadership has engaged in a comprehensive discernment process that included seeking the advice of external lay professionals.

"The Paulists will miss the Berkeley community deeply," said Paulist Fr. Ivan Tou, pastor of Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Parish. "We have been so blessed by their faithfulness, friendship, and participation. Their ownership and leadership of the faith, resulting in many vibrant lay-led ministries, has given us great hope for the future of the Church. They will always be in our hearts and prayers."

The Paulist presence at **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** in Troy, NY, also will conclude in the coming months. Paulist Fr. Larry Rice has served since 2021 as campus chaplain at RPI, where he also led Christ, Sun of Justice Parish. At the end of the academic year, Fr. Rice will move to a new assignment.

“I have loved serving for the past three years at RPI,” said Fr. Rice. “It has been a unique opportunity to serve as part of Rensselaer’s Division of Student Life, serving the entire university community, and supported by the Rensselaer Newman Foundation. I am very grateful for the RPI students, faculty, administrators, staff members, and community members who have contributed so much to growing the ministry here.”

The Paulist Fathers also today announce that three of the worshiping communities served by the society will transition from a model of being staffed by two full-time, active Paulist priests to being served by one full-time priest, assisted by local Paulists in senior ministry. These communities are Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, TN, Old St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco, CA, and the Paulist Center in Boston, MA.

Additionally, the Paulist Fathers announce the upcoming completion of the work for three of the society’s longtime national offices: Paulist Evangelization Ministries; Landings International, a reconciliation ministry with Catholics returning to the Church after a time away; and the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. By the end of 2024, these ministries will cease operations as distinct apostolic endeavors of the Paulist Fathers.

“These three ministries began as a response to the signs of the times in 1970s and 1980s with the establishment of national offices that served the Church well for decades,” said Fr. Constanza. “We underscore that these three key parts of our mission will continue, and many of the particular programs and offerings created by these national offices will remain available through other means.”

Fr. Constanza added, “Our three flagship media ministries, Paulist Press, Paulist Productions, and Busted Halo, will continue to be key expressions of our mission to the United States and around the world.”

“At Paulist Productions and Busted Halo, Paulist priests will remain in leadership roles. At Paulist Press, we will conduct a national search for a new leader to serve as President / Publisher to carry forward the vision and legacy of our founder, Servant of God Isaac Hecker, who began our publishing arm in 1865,” he said.

“The Paulist Fathers remain committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with missionary zeal, especially with people beyond the Church walls and with Catholics who feel apart from the Church,” said Fr. Constanza. “Rooted in hopefulness, we trust that the Holy Spirit is actively breathing life into all things.”

**MARCH 19 IS ST. JOSEPH'S DAY  
BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT**

St. Joseph is a fascinating character in the stories of Jesus' birth, because we learn so few details about his life, yet know everything we need to know. He is a quiet man who never utters a word in the Scriptures. We learn that he is a descendent of David, but Matthew and Luke confuse matters by giving us different names for his father. Matthew's gospel calls Joseph "a righteous man," meaning that he observed the Law of Moses carefully. He lived and died as an observant Jew.

Jesus is referred to in the gospel of Mark as a carpenter, and in the gospel of Matthew as the son of a carpenter. This is to be expected, as sons, particularly first born, inherited the trade of their father. The Greek word "tekton" can simply imply a worker in wood or stone (the latter being the building material more commonly found in Galilee). In a small village like Nazareth (about 200 townspeople in Jesus' time), a carpenter could have been as poor as a farmer or shepherd. Jesus grew up in a home whose only abundance was love.

Matthew tells us that Joseph treated his betrothed with tact and consideration, "unwilling to expose her to shame." In the Middle East, shame was the worst thing that could happen to you, and it spilled over to your family as well. These few words of Matthew reveal that this man was someone, of whatever age, able to step beyond his own hurt and confusion to do what was best for the woman with whom he hoped to build a future.

The Scriptures do not tell us how long Joseph lived, or how he died, or in what way he was present to the lives of his household in Nazareth. What they do tell us is how the image of "father" played a crucial role in enlivening the heart of Jesus. Perhaps his most memorable parable told of a father who yearns for his wayward son, with a love beyond condition, who, at the first rumor of his return home, hurried down the road to meet him more than halfway.

Jesus called God "abba", an intimate and affectionate term for one's father. He urged his disciples to see God as their "abba" as well, to feel welcome in the home of one who had prepared a place for them, like a carpenter crafting a hearth and home. In his quiet, faithful way, Joseph must have fostered an awareness in the child Jesus that the meaning of life is to be found in self-sacrificing love. If so, he played a more important part than we may realize in the story of his adopted son.

March 19 is a good day to pray for all those children who have been adopted, and for all of their adopted parents!

**MASS INTENTIONS For The WEEK  
March 16-23, 2024**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

5:00PM INTENTION - Catalina Bautista  
+Robert Parise

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

9:00AM **FOR ALL SOULS**, from Choy Family  
+William Dunn, Sr.

11:00AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**

+Yip Lo Ying  
+Souls of the Choy Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

12:05PM +Thomas Hine  
+Andrew J. Ferrannini

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

12:05PM +Francisco M. Aquino  
+Choy Zhongquan

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

12:05PM +Virginia Tam  
+Peter Chan

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

12:05PM +Gabriella Curridori  
+Virginia Tam

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

5:00PM +Francisco Aquino  
+Catalino Tinio

**Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones  
& Friends :** Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP,  
Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP, Ida & Carolyn Hom,  
Johnson & Nina Leu, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham,  
Arnold Low, Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan,  
Frankie Chios, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui

