

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.

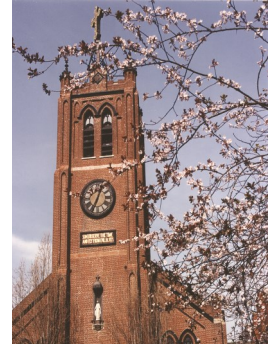


A MINISTRY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



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

FRIEND OR FOE?

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FATHER JOE SCOTT

(PART ONE)

Last week I was riding on the BART (Bay Area Railway Transit) train. No one else was on board until one man got on. He looked to me like trouble. I was glad he had seated himself far from me, but still, I became worried. I had my backpack with me, and checked to make sure there was something in it heavy enough to protect me if I needed it. Then I looked down at the tee shirt this fierce looking man was wearing. It held a sign that announced: "I need a hug." I immediately relaxed!

Now, I didn't go over and give him a hug—I'm way too much of an introvert for that! But--I now knew that he had something in common with me—don't we all need a hug, sometimes?

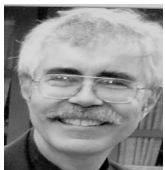
I thought later about the process I went through, as I sat on my seat on the BART (Bay Area Railway Transit) First came the thought—this person looks very different from me. Is he going to hurt me?

Second came a feeling: I'm afraid. I could feel my body doing what it does when I'm afraid. I tensed up and directed my most alert eye on this stranger. If the man had been sitting closer to me, my Third step might have been a word or words: "Get away from me. I think you're dangerous!"

But if he had gotten up and moved toward me, my Fourth step would have been to hit him hard with my well-stocked backpack. Who knows what would have happened after that? This guy did have big muscles!

But what if I hadn't seen and read that tee-shirt saying, "I need a hug?" What would I have done then? If I had whacked this guy over the head with my heavy back-back, how would HE have responded? How would I have felt about it?

It seems that I hear a lot of talk this day about those whom you or I should consider our "enemy?" Is it easier to make an enemy than it is to make a friend? Why do we seem to NEED enemies? Why do we always need to be number one, and never number two? What do YOU think?



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Archdiocese of San Francisco, Chapter 11 Update

- The Archdiocese of San Francisco announced that it has filed for Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code to manage legal expenses and facilitate settlements with abuse survivors.
- Our parish is not part of this action. Our daily operations and the celebration of Sacraments and regular parish life will be unaffected by the action taken by the Archdiocese.
- Understandably, this may raise concerns from families, employees, & community members concerned about the impact on the operations and stability of Archdiocesan Elementary and High schools.
- Like the parishes, the Archdiocesan Catholic schools are not included in the bankruptcy filing.
- The Chapter 11 filing and the related legal proceedings will not have direct impact on the day-to-day operations of our schools.
- The continued employment, salaries, & benefits of school employees will not be impacted by this filing.
- Tuition, philanthropic support, parish support of schools will, as always, be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools and is not impacted by the Chapter 11 filing.
- The Archdiocese will continue to administer health benefits, along with the various retiree programs, without interruption. The funds for these programs are held in trusts and can only be used for their specified recipients.
- All parish activities and our ministries to help our communities will continue.
- Many parishioners have also heard or seen media stories accusing the Archdiocese of filing Chapter 11 to obfuscate their responsibilities to sexual abuse survivors, but that accusation is simply not true. We believe a Chapter 11 filing is the best way to ensure that all sexual abuse claims filed against the Archdiocese will result in a fair and equitable resolution for the survivors.
- Without the oversight of the Chapter 11 reorganization process, there was nothing preventing the first cases in line for litigation from receiving large recoveries, possibly leaving nothing for survivors with litigation dates in the future.
- The Chapter 11 process will also allow all claims to be resolved at the same time & not over years of protracted litigation per claim.
- While working toward a fair and equitable resolution for all sexual abuse survivors, it remains vital that we continue focusing on all our missions, charitable works, and religious education in the Archdiocese.
- Chapter 11 is a very transparent process, and all activities are available to the public through the court docket free of charge. The Archdiocese assets, and all operations must be presented to the Court, creating an opportunity to provide fair and equitable recoveries for sexual abuse survivors, while allowing all Archdiocese ministries to continue.

(Click link for more details : sfarchdiocese.org. "CHAPTER 11 FILING")

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA **Thursday, August 31, 5:00PM**

READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2023
JEREMIAH 20: 7-9; ROMANS 12: 1-2; MATTHEW 16: 21-27

JOIN ZOOM MEETING : Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610 : Passcode : 016304

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



Mass Intentions For The Week

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August 26 – September 02, 2023

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00PM +Tomas Go
THANKSGIVING - Jamie Ong & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00AM +Francis Reynolds
FOR HEALING - Jonah Makai Dulay

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE / COMMUNITY
IN MEMORY of +Shirley Lo

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

12:05PM +Jim Heynen
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Joyce Silva
DEATH ANNIVERSARY - Natalia Regidor

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

12:05PM INTENTION - Yuing Bolo
FOR HEALING - Jonah Makai Dulay

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - Francis & Irene

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 01

12:05PM MEMBERS of MEMORIAL SOCIETY
BIRTHDAY - Andrew Sison

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 02

5:00PM 27th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Art & Rachael
+Amparo McDaniel
For All Souls

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends

Fr. Thomas Foley, CSP, Fr. Daniel McCotter, CSP,
Fr. Steve Bossi, CSP, Milt Commons, Cat & Regina
Bautista, Ida & Carolyn Hom, Johnson & Nina Leu,
Teresa Daniels, Stella Bielat, Mary Nham, Arnold Low,
Oscar Mendoza, Maria Tan, Frankie Chios, Krystine
Pagdayanan, Erlinda Cheng, Trish Bui,
Mian Gancayco, Francis & Irene



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

