

OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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. Ivan Tou, 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 | Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

Parish Receptionist: Earl Fong

Admin. & Adult Faith Formation: Rachael Smit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

For more information on the sacraments call the parish office at 415-288-3800.



WELCOME TO OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

WHAT DID JESUS THINK ABOUT POLITICS? A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT



Jesus knew more about politics than we might realize. He was familiar with all the political parties of his time.

The Herodians were those who followed the legacy of Herod the Great, the Jewish King who actually built the Temple. Herod's sons continued to be rulers after his death, but didn't do a very good job of it. Herod (called Antipas) was fascinated by John the Baptist as a potential crowd-drawing rival, and put him to death. He was VERY interested in the whereabouts of Jesus, especially after Jesus publicly referred to him as "that fox."

All the Herodians were about allegiance to Rome, where all their power derived. They asked Jesus to publicly proclaim his approval of Roman money, on which Caesar's image was placed. Jesus replied, "If Caesar made the coin, and if his image is on it, then you can give him what belongs to him. But the truly important thing is to give your allegiance to God, who wants only your love."

The Sadducees were the ruling power in Jerusalem, associated with the High Priest and the Temple. Their king was Caesar. They were the Jewish group that was most friendly toward the Gentiles. They permitted Roman money to be exchanged for Jewish money on the Temple grounds. Everyone made money off this, but Jesus chased the money changers away. From that moment, the Sadducees were the political party most supportive of Jesus' arrest and death.

The Zealots were the revolutionaries who didn't spend much time in Jerusalem or Galilee. They had their headquarters in the mountains, where they plotted a violent overthrow of the Romans. Some Zealots wanted to make Jesus their leader, but he refused, and said "those who live by the sword will die by the sword." The Zealots quickly lost interest in a non-violent King.

Pharisees were the political party most visible in Jerusalem, and fairly common in Galilee. They were laymen (there were no women leaders in any of these four parties – it was a totally patriarchal world). St. Paul was raised as a Pharisee.

Of all these four groups, Jesus got along best with the Pharisees. They liked to debate the law, and so did he. But they disagreed on their attitudes toward strangers. Pharisees wanted to associate with only good, pure Jews like themselves. Jesus reached out to everyone, especially those who were not perfect. The Pharisees wanted only the perfect.

If Jesus were a political party, what would his platform be? It would have two planks:

1. "Know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
2. "Be compassionate, as your heavenly Father is compassionate."

Which of today's political parties comes closest to Jesus' platform?



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 2024

**HELP WANTED - MUSIC DIRECTOR
FOR OLD SAINT MARY'S**

After 28 years with OSM, Satoko Fujiwara, our music director, is resigning from her position this coming September. The Music Director plans and coordinates for the music program in OSM to facilitate the full and active participation of the assembly in the liturgical life of the church. This is a Part Time position.

If interested, please contact Fr. Ivan Tou at 415-288-3830 or email resumé to itou@paulist.org

sfarchdiocese.org/career-view/109/

**NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK WEBINAR –
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON IMMIGRATION
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7:00pm**

The archdiocesan community is invited to a special webinar hosted by the Office of Human Life and Dignity in celebration of National Migration Week from September 23-29, 2024.

Dr. Todd Scribner from the USCCB will delve into Church teachings on immigration and church doctrine. We can reflect together on the Pope's theme "God Walks with His People."

For more information and to register:

sfarchdiocese.org/event/special-webinar-on-catholic-social-teaching-on-immigration/

Saul Perez | Perezsa@SFArch.org | 415-614-5616

**FAITH MEETS AI (Artificial Intelligence):
EMBRACING THE NEW FRONTIER
2-Hour Webinar, Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D**

Attend one of the following dates.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 9a.m. - 11a.m Pacific time
Wednesday, October 9, 4p.m. - 6p.m.

- Learn the history of Artificial Intelligence
- Understand basic definitions and key terms
- Master ChatGPT and the art of prompting
- Enhance spiritual formation and creativity
- Consider ethical implications and future trends
- Discover new resources and share Q&A

www.rickymanalo.org/faithmeetsai

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Campaign Goal: \$ 26,336
Payments Received: \$ 12,861 as of 8-19-2024
Needed to reach Goal: \$ 13,475

Archbishop Cordileone: "A primary way we demonstrate our love for our neighbors is through participating in the Annual Appeal. Through the AAA, the more than 90 parishes in our Archdiocese unite as one body, supporting social ministries, youth and young adults, our schools, seminarians, and the poor, ... "

Ways to donate:

- sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/ Archdiocesan website. Be sure to designate OSM as the parish to credit.
- oldsaintmarys.givingfuel.com/donate-to-old-saint-marys Parish website. Please indicate that the gift is for AAA.
- AAA envelopes in the church and in the pews.
- Mail a check to OSM, 660 California St, San Francisco CA 94108.

**BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Tom Tavella
Thursdays, 5:30pm**

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 819 3641 0610

Passcode: 016304

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOUR GRIEF MATTERS

**Grief Support Group, Holy Cross Cemetery
First Thursday of each month, 11:00-12:30**

1500 Mission Road, Colma - Holy Spirit Chapel

Contact: Deacon Chuck McNeil

415-505-9114, deaconchuck@stdominics.org

Have you experienced the death of a significant person in your life? Would you like support in the grieving process? Join Deacon Chuck McNeil for a grief support group meeting.

**Mass Intentions For The Week
AUGUST 24 - AUGUST 31, 2024**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00pm Healing - Pauline O'Brien DeLury

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00am +Joan Garaventa Jaffe

11:00am For the People
+Sarah, Thomas, and Mary Galvin

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

12:05pm +Thomas Go

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

12:05pm Wedding Anniv - Marie Joyce Silva
Death Anniv - Natalia Regidor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

12:05am +James Hannasch

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

12:05pm Intention - Nicholas Costa Healy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00pm Intention - Mary Ann Galindo

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones & Friends

Rosie Nola, 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.



VOCATION PRAYER

Almighty and ever faithful God, you spoke your Word to the world in your Son Jesus Christ, and commissioned Saint Paul to bring your word to all nations and to the ends of the earth.

Your Spirit led Servant of God Isaac Hecker to proclaim your word in North America using tools of the modern age.

We ask you to call new missionaries in the line of Saint Paul and Father Hecker.

May they burn with passion to give the Gospel a voice so that all may know the mystery of your love.

May they follow the Lord Jesus with the zeal of Saint Paul and Father Hecker as they carry on the mission of the Paulist Community.

In the power of your Holy Spirit, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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