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OLD SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL & CHINESE MISSION

THE OLD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (1854)

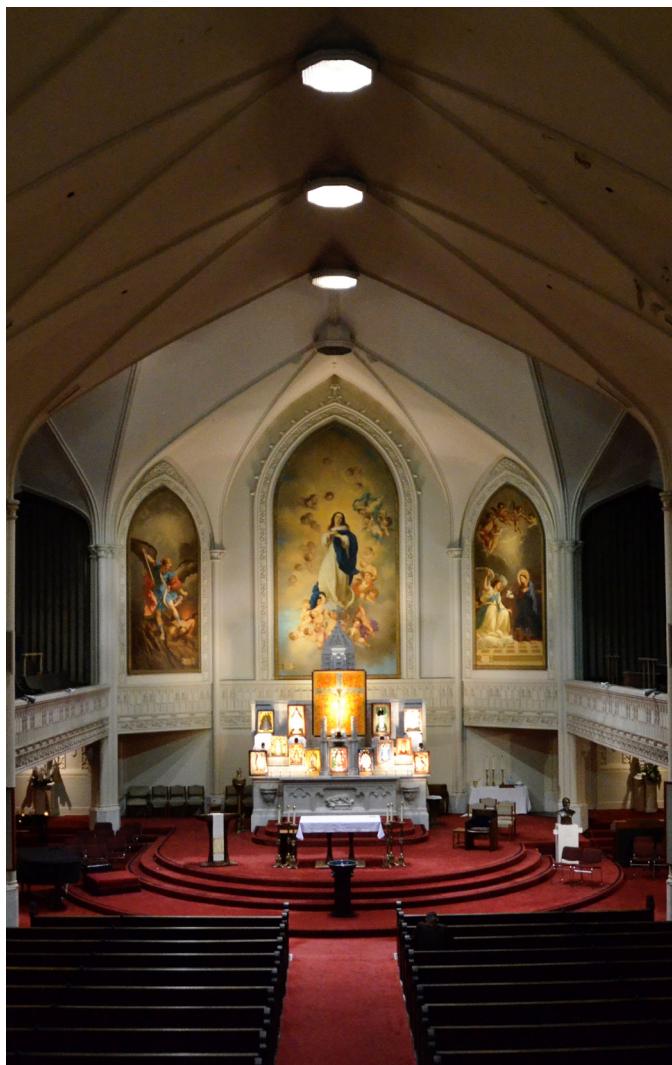
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parochial Vicars In Residence:

Fr. Joe Scott, CSP
Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP

Parish Receptionist:
Pia Lim

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

Notes from the Paulist



TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MARK'S GOSPEL

We've been listening to Mark's gospel, off and on, since last December. We have two months more, until December brings Advent. Here are some tips to help us appreciate the uniqueness and value of this special gospel.

- 1. It's the shortest gospel. It's so short that during the summer months we switched to the readings about the Bread of Life in John's gospel. Mark contains so few chapters that we can do this and still include every bit of Mark by the end of the liturgical year.**
- 2. It's the first gospel written. Mark is believed to have been composed around the year 70, about 40 years after the time of Jesus. The other three gospels were written at a later date. St. Paul never read any of the four gospels (that's why he never quotes from one). He was martyred around the year 64. Does Mark ever quote from Paul? We don't know, but Paul has the first account of Jesus' words at the Last Supper (*I Corinthians: 11:23-27*. Mark's account is quite similar. Did he get his from Paul, or from another source?**
- 3. The gospels of Matthew and Luke use Mark's gospel as their main source. In many places it's almost a word for word transmission. Matthew and Luke also used a second source in common which scholars call "Q." Matthew and Luke seem more free to adapt "Q" than they do Mark. So there is quite a bit of variation in their use of this second source. Clearly they already regarded Mark as "gospel", not to be tampered with.**
- 4. No one knows exactly where Mark's gospel was written. Some guess Rome because that city had recently (the year 64) been the location of the Emperor Nero's horrific persecution against the Christians, and Mark stresses preparation for the persecutions followers of the gospel will have to undergo.**

- 5. Mark's gospel illuminates the humanity of Jesus. In this gospel Jesus expresses intense emotions, including anger and frustration at his disciples, and fear and anxiety in the face of suffering. This is a good scripture to turn to when we are feeling lonely or vulnerable or under attack or facing overwhelming stress. We have an instinct that Jesus will understand us--because he's been there!**



Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

Saturday for Engaged Couples

Are you getting married in the Fall or early Spring and need a marriage preparation program? Here at Old Saint Mary's we offer the ***Saturday for Engaged Couples***, a daylong seminar covering all the topics required by the Church for a marriage prep program. The dates for the Saturdays for the rest of the year are:

October 16 (virtual) | December 11 (virtual)

During this time of pandemic, we have been doing the seminar virtually, on Zoom. We are hoping to resume the in-person seminars in October. Of course, that will depend on the City & State regulations concerning the pandemic. For updates on the status of each weekend, check our website; www.oldSaintMarys.org. Next year's schedule will go up at the end of the summer. For more information email Fr. Tom at tomtavella@paulist.org

BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA, CSP

WHEN : September 23, 2021

TIME : 5:00PM PST

**READINGS for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
NM 11: 25-29; JAS 5: 1-6; MK 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

Join ZOOM Meeting

Meeting ID: 871 8252 1910

Passcode: 332406

ALL ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR

With Fr. Tom Tavella

Sundays, 4PM (PT)

Join ZOOM Meeting -

Meeting ID: 854 9283 6513

Passcode: 003859



RESPECT LIFE WEBINARS

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Join us for a series of webinars that address the findings of an important study on abortion attitudes in the U.S.

- **Prenatal Development**

Tuesday, October 05 @12:30 pm

- **What is Legal?**

Tuesday, October 12 @ 12:30 pm

- **The Ethics**

Tuesday, October 19 @ 12:30 pm

For information and to register visit sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars. Questions? Contact Maria at 415-614-5533 or prolife@sfarch.org

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS (September 18 - 25 2021)

Saturday September 18

5:00PM †GIFT OF LIFE - The Smith Family

Sunday, September 19

9:00AM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

11:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, September 21

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Wednesday, September 22

12:05PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Thursday, September 23

12:05PM †GOOD HEALTH - Regina Bautista

Friday, September 24

12:05PM †GIFT OF LIFE - The Smith Family

Saturday, September 25

5:00PM †Mina Elizabeth Yee

Prayers for our Sick Parishioners, Loved Ones, and Friends -

Bob Panelli, Mary Nham, Frankie Chios, Catalina Bautista, Regina Bautista, Quincy Castillo, John Garcia, Sorcy Apostol, Donna Kelly, Henry Tolentino.

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

(Sept. 20-25, 2021)

MONDAY	EZR 1: 1-6;	LUKE 8: 16-18
TUESDAY	EPH 4: 1-7, 11-13;	MT 9: 9-13
WEDNESDAY	EZR 9: 5-9;	LUKE 9: 1-6
THURSDAY	HG 1: 1-8;	LUKE 9: 7-9
FRIDAY	HG 2: 1-9;	LUKE 9: 18-22
SATURDAY	ZEC 2: 5-9, 14-15a;	LUKE 9: 43b-45

THIS WEEK'S READING

WIS 2: 12, 17-20

JAS 3: 16—4: 3

MARK 9: 30 - 37

NEXT WEEK'S READING

NM: 25-29

JAS 5: 1-6

MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

We Welcome . . .

People of All Faiths & All Races

People of Diverse Cultures

Divorced or Separated Persons

Families with Children

Gays, Lesbians, & Transgenders

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

