

# Old Saint Mary's Cathedral & Chinese Mission

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

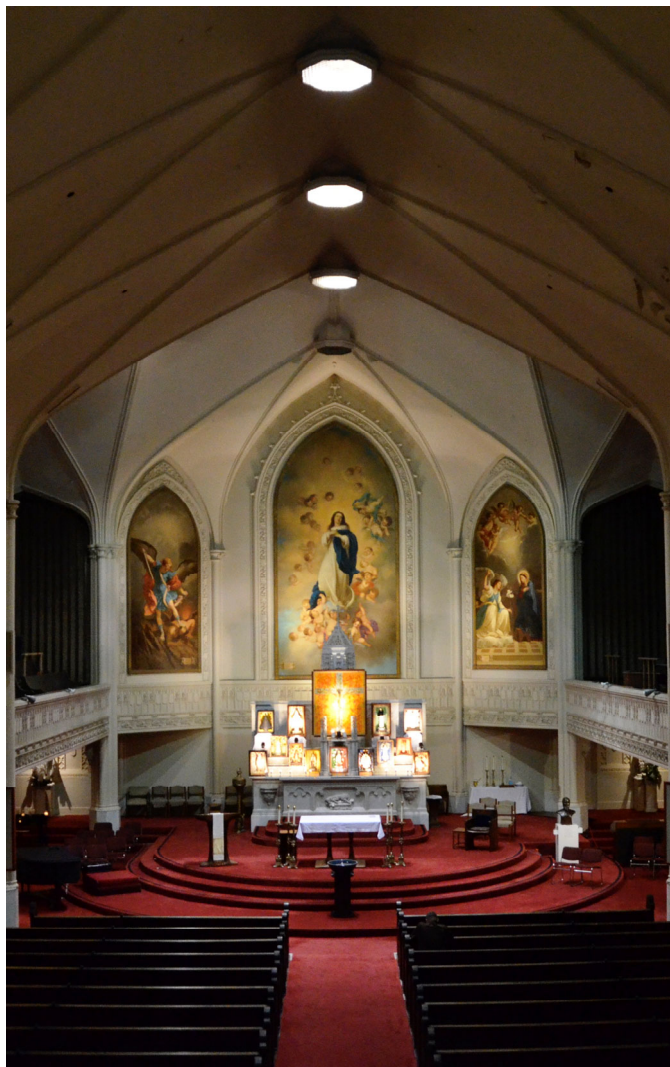
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



# ALL ARE WELCOME



## THE CONVERSIONS OF ANANIAS AND PAUL A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR. JOE SCOTT

On Wednesday, January 25, we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This year the Chinese New Year is rightly directing our attention. But even as February dawns it's good to remember that the Conversion of St. Paul is a major feast day for the Paulist Fathers! And as Lent is about to begin, Paul and his one-time adversary Ananias offer us a wonderful story of conversion! The tale of St. Paul's conversion is one of the most dramatic events portrayed in the New Testament, even if he didn't actually fall from a horse.

We sometimes forget that Paul's conversion would not have been completed were it not for the quieter but perhaps just as profound conversion of a Christian named Ananias. We don't celebrate the feast of St. Ananias, although we should.

Ananias lived in Damascus, and he undoubtedly had heard the rumor that the fierce anti-Christian Paul was coming to his city to stir up trouble and persecute the Christians living their lives of faith. "Persecution" meant torture and death. "Christians" meant Ananias and the friends he loved.

The same day the Lord speaks to Saul the Lord also speaks to Ananias. The Lord informs him that "Saul of Tarsus has become blind and needs you to lay hands on him to regain his sight."

Ananias thinks to himself, "what is Saul going to do to ME once his blindness is cured? What will stop him from killing me and my neighbor Christians?"

When Jonah faced a similar request to preach to his hated enemies in Ninevah, he took the first boat going in the opposite direction. It took God a ferocious storm and a big fish to get Jonah's attention. Even so, this reluctant prophet never truly became a fervent respondent to God's call.

Ananias doesn't try to avoid God's call by escaping in the opposite direction, but he does protest mightily, arguing all the way that a visit to Saul would not be a good idea. But in the end the Lord says "go!" and Ananias goes. And when he lays his hands on the enemy who could kill him, he calls him "Saul, my brother."

When I hear this story, I often wonder: which of the two underwent the greater conversion? Which is harder, to change your life around from bad to good, or to forgive your very worst enemy, call him "my brother" and mean it?

Both are almost impossible. But with God, all things are possible.

Two things are certain: none of us would be Christians today were it not for St. Paul. And Saul might still be waiting in his blindness of hate were it not for the courage and trust of Ananias.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
February 22, 2023

**MASSES with Distribution of ASHES**  
7:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 12:05 PM

**WORD SERVICE With ASHES**  
3:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
February 05, 2023

**SATURDAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES.**

Thinking of getting married in 2023?

Take your pre-cana class with us.

February 11 | April 15 | June 10

August 12 | October 14 | December 09

One Saturday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

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**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**

**FEBRUARY 4 - 11, 2023 )**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 04**

5:00PM INTENTIONS - Alma Bautista  
PRAYER For All Souls

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05**

9:00AM +Mariano Chua Yu King  
INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino

11:00AM FOR the PEOPLE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07**

12:05PM +Douglas Bautista  
BIRTHDAY - Joseph Escobar

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08**

12:05PM THANKSGIVING - The Wong Family  
IN LOVING MEMORY - +Jun Bueza

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09**

12:05PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

12:05PM WITH SYMPATHY - +Evelyn Geronimo  
THANKSGIVING - Olivia Martin

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

5:00PM INTENTION - Marilyn Aquino

**SEPTUAGESIMA TIME**  
Meditation, Scripture and Service

**OR**

**GETTING READY FOR LENT**

FR. TERRY RYAN, CSP

Wednesdays, February 8 and 15, 2023  
2:00 PM Mountain Time | Zoom 367 360 7803

Password : Pre-Lent

or go to [stbenedictsretreathouse.com](http://stbenedictsretreathouse.com)

*Septuagesima* refers to 70 days before Lent. It is a time to get ourselves ready for the 40 days of Lent that begin this year on February 22, Ash Wednesday. As we look at the Sunday Scriptures during these Septuagesima times preceding Ash Wednesday, and meditate upon them, we see Jesus' call to conversion in the Sermon on The Mount. Meditation upon these readings may show us what we need to work on during Lent, on what needs improvement and change in our life. Why? So that we can be a better witness to the Kingdom of God and of service to one another.

**BIBLE STUDY with FR. TOM TAVELLA**  
Thursday, February 09th, 5:00PM

READINGS : Sunday, February 12, 2023  
SIR 15: 15-20 | 1COR 2: 6-10 | MT 5: 17-37

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

**ALL ARE INVITED!**



**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, Frankie Chios