

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

THE BREAD OF LIFE?

A REFLECTION BY PAULIST FR JOE SCOTT



Shortly after I arrived at Old St. Mary's, about eight years ago, I was diagnosed with Coeliac Disease. This means my body is allergic to gluten. Any kind of bread or wheat product could kill me.

I feel very lucky. If I had been diagnosed with this auto immune condition when I was in my twenties, I could never have become a priest. Coeliac Disease is considered an impediment to the priesthood—in other words, I could not have been able to be ordained.

Now, of course, the Church is stuck with me! More or less happily, I hope. I'm blessed that low gluten hosts are now available, and Fr. Tom keeps me supplied with them.

Some folks with this disease are unable to tolerate even a small portion of wheat. I seem to be able to tolerate a very small fragment of the host, if necessary. But I've learned by experience that that a Coeliac condition is very unforgiving when it comes to making an error of judgment. My body treats wheat as a poisoned pill, so I have the immediate reaction one has with any type of food poison.

It's taken me awhile to appreciate the fact that while we celebrate the Eucharist as the bread of life, for me, bread, which is wonderful to taste and eat in all its forms, can sadly bring me death. I have been aware for a while that many more people than we may think simply can't process bread and require a gluten-free host.

Sadly, the Catholic Church has not been very helpful with such Catholics who would become very ill by simply consuming an ordinary host. In fact, while low gluten hosts are accepted, completely gluten free hosts are still not permitted for use by the Church, according to a document written by Pope Benedict XVI, which has never been rescinded. So far as I know, Pope Francis has not made a big deal about enforcing this, but it's still on the books. A good issue to write the pope about or pray to the Lord about!

The Eucharist is Jesus' Last Will and Testament, his life-giving presence among us. We must do whatever we can to make this Bread of Life available to all who seek it for their healing and nourishment.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 18, 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/

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

Attend any one of the following dates.
Monday, August 19, 10a.m. - 12pm Pacific time
Saturday, September 21, 9a.m. - 11a.m.
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

SATURDAY for ENGAGED COUPLES (SFEC)

**Thinking of getting married in
2024/2025?**

Take your Pre-Cana class with us.
One Saturday from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

DATES: OCT. 19 | DEC. 14

www.oldsaintmarys.org/marriage-prep

WEEKLY NOONTIME CONCERTS - LIVE
San Francisco's Musical Lunch Break

These concerts have resumed and happen every Tuesday at 12:30pm at Old Saint Mary's.

For details, visit www.noontimeconcerts.org

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Campaign Goal: \$ 26,336
Payments Received: \$ 12,861 as of 8-13-2024
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 (note time change)

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 17 - AUGUST 24, 2024**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00pm Health & Safety - Claire Teo
+Cesar Katigbak

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00am +Romeo Callo

11:00am For the People

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

12:05pm +Yip Lo Ying

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

12:05pm +Deceased member of Choy Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

12:05am For All Souls

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

12:05pm Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00pm Healing - Pauline O'Brien DeLury

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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