

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

A CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY SERVING
THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA
MEDICAL CENTER

PROGRAM AND MINISTRY GUIDE



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TO WORSHIP AND TO PRAY*

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OUR CHURCH

Prior to 1965, the building that now houses St. John of God was a Lutheran church. The Catholic Archdiocese purchased the property in that year to establish a parish which would provide spiritual care for patients hospitalized at UCSF Medical Center, with its affiliated hospitals, and serve as a Newman Center for UCSF students. On January 24, 1967, St. John of God was officially established as a parish with Fr. John Ring as our first pastor.

MASSES:

Sunday: 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 p.m.

Holy Days: 12:10 p.m.

Weekdays (M-F): 12:10 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 9: a.m.-12:10 p.m.

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St. John of God is a dynamic parish. As we see needs arise, we address them when possible, either on an ad hoc basis or through the creation of a new ongoing ministry. All parishioners are encouraged to bring the needs of the community to the attention of our parish so we may explore whether or not we are able to meet those needs.

**PARISH MINISTRY SERVING
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Catholic patients are St. John of God parish members while hospitalized. Communion is served by volunteer Eucharist Ministers, and made available daily to patients and their families.



Rev. Methodius Kiwale and Hospital Chaplains provide Pastoral Care to the patients; support to family members, and the students and staff of the Medical Center.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:

Rev. Methodius Kiwale, ALCP
Rev. Alan Wilson, O.F. M., Cap
Rev. Martin Haggins, O.F. M., Cap
Harriett Kelley, Associate Chaplain

Sunday Mass celebrated at the Medical Center, Moffitt Hospital, Room 1015 at 11:30 a.m. and telecast over Channel 24.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Harriett Kelley, 415-337-0354
chaphatt@yahoo.com

The time required for volunteer Eucharist Ministers to bring Communion to the hospital is approximately 1 ½ hours either weekly or monthly. Training is on a one-to-one basis.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judith Morrow

judithmorrow@pacbell.net

The council is composed of the pastor and 8 – 12 parishioners. The council's purpose is to assure our parish is true to its mission and does this by keeping in touch with the views of the entire community. The council reviews matters of importance, assesses and initiates programs and ministries consistent with our parish mission statement and values.

Meeting the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

LITURGICAL & PRAYER

ACOLYTES

Parishioners serve as acolytes to assist the priest at weekend Masses and special liturgical events.

New participants may join at any time throughout the year.

CURSILLO

Dave Takeuchi, 510-220-6779
dtakman@yahoo.com

Persons of different faiths gather for a 3-day weekend retreat to focus on the meaning of being a Christian. Meditations, talks, reflections and liturgies are scheduled to regenerate Christian ideals for lifetime practice.

Retreats are offered three times a year.

LECTORS

Ray Signer, 415-664-9461
raysigner@yahoo.com

Lectors are scheduled to read the first and second readings at each Sunday Mass. Volunteers are willing to read, understand and practice the reading during the week prior to Sunday Mass reading. *Annual lector renewal workshops offered.*

LITURGICAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY Susan Fox, 415-752-1308
susanfox@ix.netcom.com

Training is made available to incoming ministers. Volunteers are recruited and trained as Eucharistic Ministers. Coordinators arrive about one-half hour before Mass to set-up, recruit lay ministers and assume the responsibilities of sacristan, gift presentation and post communion purification.

Volunteers commit to one week per month.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Carrie LaBriola, 415-695-2756
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The committee plans liturgies for liturgical seasons, holidays, special feast days and other special events.

*Meeting the first Monday of the month in the rectory kitchen
September through May at 7: p.m.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Paul Riofski, 415-517-4647

sjogmusic@aol.com

Musicians and singers of all ages and voices are encouraged to participate in providing music for parish liturgies and other events. Choir rehearsals are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Friday and the 4th Monday of the month, with additional rehearsals scheduled as needed. Approximately 45 minutes prior to Mass the group warms up and reviews the music. While we currently have a keyboard, guitar, flute and a children's string quartet, other instruments would also be most welcome. Singers are not required to have prior vocal training or the ability to read musical notation.

New participants may join at any time throughout the year.

SACRAMENTAL

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Church Office, 415-566-5610

M-F: 9:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Those seeking Baptism for infants should contact the Rectory no later than one (1) month prior to your chosen Baptismal date.

RELIGIOUS YOUTH INSTRUCTION (RYI), FORMERLY CCD

Office, 415-566-5610

Guidance in development of a Catholic faith-life and preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for grades K through junior high school.

Announcements made early fall for scheduled time.

Classes meet each Sunday during the school year at a time announced.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Joy Walsh, 415-563-8271

RCIA is a process by which adults are received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. It is a spiritual journey of discernment, instruction and prayer designed for; (1) un-baptized adults: (2) adults baptized in other Christian traditions and: (3) baptized Catholics, who either want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

There are four Periods:

1. Pre-Catechumenate, begins in the fall. It is a period of inquiry and introduction to the faith. This Period ends with the Rite of Acceptance.
2. The Catechumenate, a period of formal instruction and introduction to the faith community. This Period ends with the Rite of Election.
3. Purification and Enlightenment. It is a Period during Lent of reflection on personal faith and religious experience. It is a time for special rituals and prayers. This Period ends with the Sacraments of Initiation. New members are baptized (if un-baptized), confirmed and share the Eucharist during the Easter Vigil.
4. Mystagogia, a Period after reception for members to deepen their understanding and faith.

Weekly meetings

PARISH COMMUNITY

CHURCH DECORATIONS

Dorle Gross

Coordinates and decorates the church for Holidays (Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas) and change of church seasons.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Judy Laxen, 415-203-6338 judithfl@aol.com

Janice Mortenson, 415-518-1500 JMortenson@sbcglobal.net

Each Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass; coffee, tea, juice and pastries are served in the Parish Hall. Volunteers set-up, serve and clean-up. Recommend volunteers work in groups of two. A sign up form is posted on the bulletin board in the hall, or contact one of the above coordinators.

Throughout the year St. John of God hosts special events, such as the Christmas Party, St. Patrick's Day dinner and pot-luck dinners. Annually the parish community is invited to attend a community weekend at the CYO Camp near Occidental in Sonoma County. This event is scheduled for the weekend after labor-day. *Werner Schmidt* dedicates many hours organizing the community weekend and our St. Patrick's Day dinner.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Kathy & Ken Hoegger, 415-586-9352

khoegger@pacbell.net

Weekly, members greet parishioners and newcomers before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Present everyone with the Sunday bulletin. They are available to answer newcomer questions.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Judy Liteky, 415-334-4770 jliteky@aol.com
Sherri Maurin, 415-285-3426 SMAURIN@aol.com
Linda Vossler Swan, 415-282-2370 vosslersw@aol.com

In 1986 the community of St. John of God declared itself a Public Sanctuary for refugees fleeing war-torn El Salvador and Guatemala. For the first few years of our commitment we assisted individuals and families with the resettlement process, legal immigration to Canada, and asylum applications. Cooperative efforts formed ties with people in these countries as well as in the Bay Area.

Recent projects include work with the San Francisco Interfaith Coalition on Immigration in support of just and humane laws and fair treatment of immigrants locally and nationally. The Community participates in letter writing that advocates national legislation to provide paths to citizenship and works directly with two families seeking family unification. Letters to Congress have been sent urging members to vote to close the School of the Americas in Ft. Benning, GA. The committee focuses awareness on these current issues through liturgy and educational events.

Funds have provided local support to the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) and part of the annual salary of a health promoter in Guarjila, El Salvador.

Members of St. John of God participate in local, national and international celebrations of the lives of Central American martyrs, including Archbishop Oscar Romero, four US churchwomen, and the Jesuits and women killed at the University of Central America. *Meeting monthly on Sunday, usually at 11:15 a.m.*

VOICE FROM THE WEST

Martha Ayoub, 415-664-2015

Voice from the West raises financial support on a person-to-person basis for the Holy Land village poor. Donations may be made by making a check payable to St. John of God, taking it to the rectory office or placing it in an envelope marked "Voice from the West" and placing in the Sunday collection.

WOMEN'S ADVOCACY GROUP

Marlene Olivencia, 415-759-1974
moliven@hotmail.com

We study the lives of women Saints, Mystics and Holy women, and their role in the church. Effort is made to integrate this knowledge through retreats and days of reflection and into prayers, songs and celebrations. We also seek to expand the opportunities for women in the Church. Open to everyone.

Meeting as announced in the bulletin.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

DISASTER PREPARATION 1974

Marlene Olivencia, 415-759-

Paula Zimmermann, 415-902-2656

This committee works in collaboration with SF CARD (San Francisco Community Agencies Responding to Disaster, www.SFCARD.org), to organize and prepare members of our community to respond to a natural or man-made disaster such as an earthquake. The committee holds periodic "Disaster Preparation Fairs" and offers materials and brochures from the Bay Area Red Cross, 72hours.org, PG&E, the PUC, SF CARD, SFFD NERT (San Francisco Fire Department Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) and other agencies that assist citizens to prepare for a disaster.

Contact the above to get involved.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®

Ken Hoegger, 415-586-9325

khoegger@pacbell.net

Help to build affordable housing for families in need. Volunteers are always welcome and there is on-site training. Announcements for special projects appear in the weekend bulletin and made after the 9:30 a. m. Sunday Mass.

Contact the above for further information.

PROJECT OPEN HAND SENIOR LUNCHEON®

Joe Cline, 415-563-8271

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Volunteers from Project Open Hand prepare and serve lunch for seniors Monday-Friday at 11:30 A.M. This is preceded by other activities beginning at approximately 10:15 A.M.

RAPHAEL HOUSE DINNERS

Mark Reedy, 408-733-3734

MarkR2121@aol.com

One Sunday evening a month, volunteers prepare and serve dinner to the homeless families living at the Raphael House, San Francisco. Training is on-site.

Contact the above for further information

SUPPORT GROUPS; ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS®, & S.A.

A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem.

Alcoholics anonymous meet on Wednesday 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Women's group meets Sunday 6:00 p.m. in the red room.

SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

Susan Fox, 415-752-1308

Susanfox@ix.netcom.com

The program feeds the hungry of San Francisco.

Parishioners are asked to bring specific food items each Sunday, called "Meal-a-Month". The food is picked up and distributed by the Food Bank.

Additionally, parish days are scheduled 2-3 times a year to work at the Food Bank. The workdays are scheduled on a Saturday for approximately four (4) hours.

Contact the above for further information.

ADMINISTRATION & BUILDING

COLLECTIONS

Each week volunteers count, record and deposit the week's Mass collections and other income.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dave Freitas, 415-661-2536

The pastor and volunteer parishioners meet once every quarter, more when necessary, to review the finances, including income and expenses and prepare an annual budget.

Quarterly meetings.

FUND RAISING

Susan Fox, 415-752-1308

susanfox@ix.netcom.com

Members of this volunteer committee meet to plan and coordinate specific fund raising events for St. John of God.

Meeting as needed.

LANDSCAPING

Nancy McDonald

Jackie Ventura

Lorraine Gotelli

The flowers and shrubs surrounding the church, hall and in the courtyard are planted and maintained by volunteer parishioner landscapers.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Our office personnel are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the parish.

Paula Zimmermann

Office Administrator

Edna Corpus-Herrera

Bookkeeper

(Crown Business Solutions, Senior Consultant)

Phil Thurman

General Maintenance

WEBSITE: WWW.SJOG.NET

Joe Humphreys: joe@jhum.com

Liz McLaughlin: emclhall@comcast.net

The website offers information on our location, Mass schedule, office schedule and contacts, posting of weekly bulletin, Ministry Guide, special events, etc. If you have information to share about our community or suggestions for how the website might better serve the community, please contact the coordinators.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Joe Cline jwdc56@msn.com

Benjamin Sanchez benjamincsanchez@yahoo.com

Special projects (such as the access ramp, refurbishing of Ben's room, painting the walls and renewing the floors in the hall) are announced as the need arises.

A NOTE:

“HOW CAN I SHOW I CARE?”

Do you say to yourself “my schedule is limited but I still would like to help? I don't feel called to serve full time on a Ministry so what can I do? Have you ever wondered how you can help? May we offer a few suggestions?

- ◇ Volunteer for one of the food bank workdays. They are four times a year; the date is announced at the weekend Mass and published in the bulletin.
- ◇ Bring food for the Meal-a-Month program to one of the weekend Masses. Food for the month is published in the weekend bulletin.
- ◇ Volunteer to prepare a meal for a shelter, such as the Raphael House, see under Outreach Ministry.
- ◇ Prepare a meal for a sick friend or family member not living with you, a neighbor, and/or a member of the parish.
- ◇ Visit individuals in nursing homes at times other than during the holidays to bring treats, gifts, etc. It is suggested you call ahead and to inquire about items most needed or asked for.
- ◇ Send a card or call someone you know who is sick or injured, or who had a death in the family. If it is a fellow Parishioner you may mail the card to the rectory office and it will be forwarded, if their address is not listed in the People Finder.
- ◇ Dedicate a few minutes daily to pray for those in need, for those we serve at UCSF, and for those who provide service and support to the patients, etc.
- ◇ Make a phone call, send an e-mail to just say “hello”.
- ◇ Dedicate a Mass to someone ill or who has suffered a loss.
- ◇ Volunteer to help with the Sunday morning coffee service.
- ◇ Check out non-profit web-sites, i.e.,
 - San Francisco Food Bank, www.sffoodbank.org
 - Catholic Charity Foundation, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
 - Habitat for Humanity, www.habitat.org
 - La Casa de las Madres, a refuge for victims of domestic violence, www.casa.org

OUR MISSION

We the Church of St. John of God are a prophetic and inclusive Catholic community;

Where Jesus Christ is recognized and embraced as The Way, The Truth and The Light:

Where Jesus Christ is made present by the power of the Spirit and the sacrament of our lives:

Where we assist each other in growing in the grace of God, our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

We are committed both in principle and in action to world peace and social justice.

We are committed to live by the principles of charity, transparency, justice and inclusiveness that spring from the heart of the Gospel and to call and challenge the Universal Church to do the same.

We have a unique relationship with the University of California Medical Center and University of California, San Francisco.

We are committed to ministering in the spirit of St. John of God, our Patron, to the hospital patients, their families, hospital staff and, students and faculty of the University.

OUR PATRON

St. John of God, Patron Saint of hospitals, hospital workers, the sick and the dying. He is also Patron Saint of booksellers and fireman.

John Ciudad was born in a small town in Portugal in 1495. He grew to adulthood in Spain and spent much of his life as a shepherd, soldier, bookseller, and laborer. Around the age of 40, he settled in Grenada where he underwent a conversion experience so intense that he was for a time placed in a hospital for the insane. This gave him an experience of the kind of treatment then available for the afflicted, and he decided to devote the rest of his life to caring for those in need. He established a hospital in Grenada; his sincerity and hospitality to the poor and sick led the people of that city to begin calling him John of God.



THE ST. JOHN OF GOD PRAYER

Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave

Dear God, through the intercession of St John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion.

Reveal to me their needs and give me the means and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of Christ's love. Amen.