

### Mission Statement

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.

It is where Jesus Christ is made present by the power of the Spirit and the sacramentality of our lives. It is where we assist each other in growing in the grace of God and our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

We are committed both in principle and 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 U.C.S.F. Medical Center.

We are committed to minister in the spirit of St. John of God, our patron saint, to the sick in the hospital and to their families, the staff, faculty and students of the university.

Mass is offered at the hospital on Sundays at 11:30 AM in Moffitt Room 1015, and broadcast on Channel 24.

Our priest-chaplains visit the sick and volunteer Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to the patients and their families on most weekdays and weekends.

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### Parish Calendar

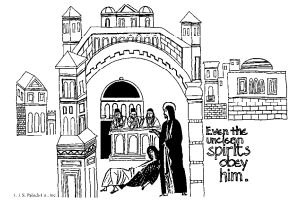
- Sun. Jan. 29: No R.C.I.A.
- Thurs. Feb. 2: Feast of the Presentation “Candlemas”  
Blessing of Candles at the 12:10 PM Mass
- Fri. Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop, Blessing of Throats at the 12:10 PM Mass
- Sun. Feb. 5: R.C.I.A., Kitchen ..... 11:00am
- Mon. Feb. 6: Liturgy Committee, K..... 6:30pm
- Sat. Feb. 11: Volunteer Recognition Mass ..... 4:15pm  
Followed by potluck in the hall

### **Mass Intentions: Fri. Jan. 27—Thurs. Feb. 2**

- Fri. Evelyn S. Rull, RIP 12:10pm
- Sat. Robert Ryan, RIP 4:15pm
- Sun. Dino and Ines Scala, RIP 9:30am
- Sun. Carol Ruland, RIP 11:30am
- Mon. Lloyd McEvoy, RIP 12:10pm
- Tues. Carol Ruland, RIP 12:10pm
- Wed. Rita McEvoy, Birthday 12:10pm
- Thurs. Lily Yip, RIP 12:10pm

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28-29, 2012

### **FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS**



In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

### **Please pray for the sick of the parish and our extended family:**

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Martha Ayoub, Harriett Kelley, Robert Friedrichs, Maureen and Don Francis, John “Jack” and Mary Dunn, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Vince Walsh, Jack Coll, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Norm Berryessa, Loretta Rogers, mother of Mary Ann Rogers, Fr. Labib Kobti (our former pastor) and all our members who reside in assisted living and care facilities. You may also visit our “Circle of Prayer” list online at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net). Please send requests to Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com).

**Hospital Eucharistic Ministry  
Volunteer Recognition Weekend  
Saturday, February 11  
Volunteer Recognition Mass, 4:15pm  
followed by  
a Potluck Dinner in the Hall**

Since 1967, following in the footsteps of St. John of God, our Hospital Eucharistic Ministry volunteers have been bringing daily Eucharist and fellowship to Catholic patients and their families at U.C.S.F. Medical Center. The parish council has selected the weekend of hearts to recognize our hospital ministry volunteers.

The ministry is in much need of volunteers, so if you have been thinking of volunteering, this is a good opportunity to talk with members of the ministry, both current and former.

Volunteers commit to 1-1/2 hours a month or weekly and training is done on a one-on-one basis.

We hope you will come and share an evening with our volunteers, both current and former, and take this opportunity to learn more about this most rewarding ministry.

**Judy Laxen** will be coordinating the dinner so please R.S.V.P. to her as soon as possible at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com) or 415-203-6338. Judy will also need help setting up and cleaning up afterward.

\*\*\**With an open heart  
and 90 minutes*\*\*\*



**Volunteers Needed**

S.F. Crisis Care is a new program in partnership with the S.F. Police and Fire Departments. Our volunteers from all walks of life will provide immediate on-scene personal support to survivors impacted by infant deaths, serious accidents, suicides and other daily tragedies. If you or someone you know might be called to this unique and challenging ministry, learn more at [www.crisiscare.us/sf](http://www.crisiscare.us/sf).

**The Archdiocese of San Francisco  
Invites You to our Celebration of the  
21st World Day of the Sick  
Archbishop George Niederauer  
Principal Celebrant**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012, Noon  
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
1111 Gough Street @ Geary Blvd., SF**

Please come and bring a friend who is sick for: "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." —John Paul II

***Thank You!***

The members of St. John of God would like to thank those who planned and helped to make our Ecumenical Service for the Week of Christian Unity such a success: Paul Riofski, Victoria Tedder, Deacon Brian, Paula Zimmermann and all who helped with the reception in Ben's Room. We truly enjoyed having Rev. Jane Strohl come and speak to us again. We welcomed back several members of Christ Church Lutheran who attended services here until 1966. Their current pastor, Rev. Steven Sabin, also addressed us during the service. Special thanks to Alexandra Thompson, who took photographs of several of our newly restored stained glass windows and made prints available for our guests.

**SOCK-IT TO ME SABBATH**

Once again, the St. John of God Community is collecting new men's socks (available at convenience stores, drug stores, discount stores, etc) to donate to St. Anthony's for distribution to those living on the street. Sturdy white athletic socks are especially needed. Collection will be at all Masses weekends of **January 28-29 and February 4-5**. For information, email [judithmorrow9@gmail.com](mailto:judithmorrow9@gmail.com)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wed.: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39