

St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

1290 – 5th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday-Tuesday-Thursday (closed Federal Holidays)

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Daily Mass: Monday thru Friday 12:10 p.m. (followed by Holy Rosary)

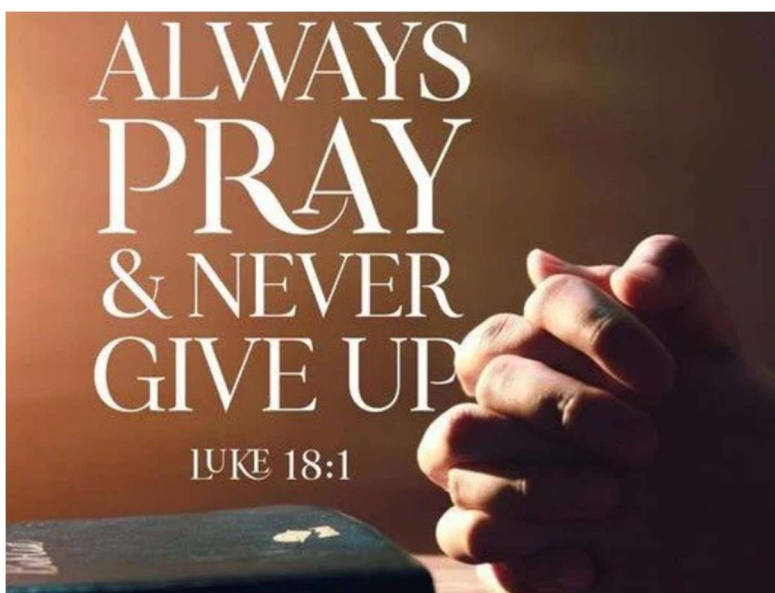
First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:15 p.m. Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Prayer Before Liturgy

Dear Father in heaven, I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you. Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion.

Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Marriage (requires six months

Advance preparation for in-church ceremony.)

Reconciliation

An Invitation

Come reconcile with our compassionate loving God and experience His mercy and joy. No sin is new to Him. No wrongdoing too great. Ask the celebrant or call the Parish Office to make appointment.



The Mission of St. John of God Church

Following the dedication of Saint John of God to healthcare workers caring for the poor and the sick, we walk the same path to minister to patients and their families, hospital staff and faculty in the UC San Francisco Medical Center to help meet Jesus Christ through our actions, charity, transparency, social justice, and inclusiveness.

Today's Readings:

First Reading – As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (Exodus 17:8-13)

Psalm – *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* (Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

Second Reading – One who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

Gospel – God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him. (Luke 18:1-8)

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday, October 26th.)

This first parable is a lesson in *persistence* in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address *attitude* in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers.

God wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

What is required of us is to pray always. Our very being must be a prayer, a petition. What is asked of us is that we never lose heart; our very existence must become an act of trust.

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion, or joining the Catholic Church. Please call or send an email to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Debbie Feliz at 415-819-9093, dafeliz50@gmail.com or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 sjogmusic@aol.com.

Welcome to St. John of God Church



Welcome to those who may be visiting with us. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community. Please join us for refreshments after Sunday 9:30 or 11:30 Mass.

Ways to Donate to SJOG Church:

1. Monetary offerings during Mass.
2. Electronic transfer (convenient way to make a one-time or recurring donation) via:

<https://www.sjog.net/donate>.

3. Scan the QR image below with a mobile/smart phone.



Either #2 or #3 will open the Vanco SJOG donation page. If you have questions, please send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

2025 Archbishop Annual Appeal

We are in the fourth quarter and still have some time left (but not for long) to meet our goal to this cause before the end of December 2025. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your

For intentions we pray:

- For the Church: that we may be persistent in prayer and attentive to God's invitations to greater discipleship.
- For all who support us in our journey of faith; for family, friends, and fellow believers: that God will renew and strengthen each of us so that the work of God may be more evident in the world.
- For all who are growing weary in seeking justice and for all who are working to assist them: that the Holy Spirit will give them strength and help them to persevere.
- For all who are recovering from natural disasters and illness: that God will strengthen them, renew their spirits and guide them in restoring their lives.
- For peace: that God will turn the hearts of world leaders from violence and help them to take bold steps to promote peace and provide for the safety of the innocent
- For the souls of the recently departed, and for the repose of the souls of all deceased and their grieving families and friends.

The St. John of God Prayer (by 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.

Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

20 Monday – (St. Paul of the Cross) Romans 4:20-25 | Ps: [Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.](#) | Luke 12:13-21

21 Tuesday – (St. Hilarion, Abbott) Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Ps: [Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.](#) | Luke 12:35-38

22 Wednesday – (St. Pope John Paul II) Romans 6:12-18 | Ps: [Our help is in the name of the Lord.](#) | Luke 12:39-48

23 Thursday – (St. John of Capistrano) Romans 6:19-23 | Ps: [Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.](#) | Luke 12:49-53

24 Friday – (St. Anthony Mary Claret) Romans 7:18-25a | Ps: [Lord, teach me your statutes.](#) | Luke 12:54-59

25 Saturday – Vigil

26 Sunday – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 | Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [The Lord hears the cry of the poor.](#) | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-14

commitment to bring Christ to others and enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith." Please consider this tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

Community News

Crime Survivors Retreat – Faith, Healing and Empowerment
Nov 1, 2025 Sat., 8:00am-4:00pm
For more information: [Crime Survivors Retreat - Faith, Healing and Empowerment Retreat, Saturday, November 1, 2025 - Archdiocese of San Francisco.](#)

Walking With Our Immigrant Neighbors: A Catholic Call to Faithful Action in Uncertain Times
What: A talk and discussion with Ana Grande to honor the feast of Saint Frances Cabrini.
When: Thursday, Nov. 13, 6:30-8 pm
Where: St Agnes Church
1025 Masonic Ave, SF
RSVP: <https://saintagnessf.org/islc-events>

37th Annual Respect Life Essay Contest

Theme: Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person. For all students in grades K-12 in the Archdiocese of SF. Essays are due by Friday, January 23, 2026.
For more information:
<https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>



To rent the Hall, please call the Parish Office at (415) 566-5610 or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrants
Sat. Oct. 18 4:15 pm Vigil	Colleen Clarke - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Oct 19 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of this Parish People of this Parish	Fr. Terry Ryan Fr. Isaiah Patrick
Mon. Oct 20 12:10 pm	Ayden Belleci - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Oct 21 12:10 pm	1. Madelyn Smith – RIP 2. Jessie Nelson - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Oct. 22 12:10 pm	Amber Skultety - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Thurs. Oct. 23 12:10 pm	Lourdes Villanueva – Birthday	
Fri. Oct. 24 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sat. Oct. 25 4:15 pm Vigil	Wayne Green - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen

If you wish to dedicate a Mass for a loved one, please visit the Parish Office to designate an available Mass date and time or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi, Administrator/Pastor and Hospital Chaplain
- Rev. Te Van Nguyen, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain
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