

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 – Friday 12:10 p.m. (followed by Holy Rosary)

First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

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

Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

November 9, 2025

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



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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.

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 – **I saw water flowing from the temple, and all who were touched by it were saved.** (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12)

Psalms – **The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!** (Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9)

Second Reading – **You are God's temple.** (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17)

Gospel – **Jesus was speaking about the temple of his Body.** (John 2:13-22)

Thoughts on today's Gospel according to John 2:13-22

The narrative of Jesus cleansing the Temple appears in all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus reacts strongly against the dishonest practices of market vendors and drives them out. John's account, however, emphasizes a contrast between Jesus' authority and that of the Temple establishment, serving as a critique of the latter.

This story unfolds in two segments: Jesus' dramatic actions within the Temple and his predictions regarding its destruction. The events take place during Passover, a period when many traveled to Jerusalem. Because these pilgrims required animals for sacrifices, it became common to sell cattle within Temple grounds and to exchange Roman currency, which was considered impure. By condemning such practices, Jesus directly challenges the core of the Temple system.

Fundamentally, *the story centers on the destiny of Jesus rather than that of the Temple, highlighting him—not the building—as the true dwelling of God's presence.* As is often shown in John's Gospel, the Jewish audience misinterprets Jesus' statements, allowing John to clarify his message explicitly. Despite being early in his ministry, *Jesus already alludes to his forthcoming death and resurrection.*

Some Christians refer to Jesus' anger in this episode to emphasize his humanity. However, the deeper theme of the Gospel is the incarnation of the Word—God becoming flesh. The focus is not simply that Jesus' anger proves he is human; rather, it asserts that a human can act with divine authority through words and actions.

(Adapted from LoyolaPress-Sunday Connection)

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

Marriage/weddings (requires six months preparation for in-church ceremony.)

Funerals

An Invitation

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



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.

November is dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory for their release into Heaven. We continue to remember and pray for our beloved family and friends that were called home to the Lord this past year.

Mary Calica
Ann Castiglione
Ken Grady
Ed Malcolm
Mike Marty
Stephanie Mischak Lyons
Rose O'Leary

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

For these intentions we pray:

- For the holy Church of God, that this celebration of the dedication of the Pope's cathedral may renew our communion with the See of Peter.
- That civil authorities may recognize the importance of sacred spaces for the spiritual well-being of society.
- That our hearts may be true temples of the Holy Spirit, cleansed of all that is unworthy and dedicated to God's praise.
- That our parish church may be a place where God is truly encountered, where His Word is proclaimed, and His sacraments are devoutly celebrated
- For all who minister to those approaching death and to those grieving the death of a loved one: that the Spirit will work through them to bring hope, consolation, and peace.
- For the names and intentions in the Book of the Sick: that their faith, hope and trust in God give them strength and peace.

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.

Your contribution is a vivid expression of your 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

Shelter Meal Volunteering Sat., November 8, 10:30-3:30 pm

Help prepare wholesome meals, for unhoused people, in a large institutional kitchen located on the USF campus. We meet on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month. You do not need to be an experienced cook. Kitchen duties vary. To volunteer or for general questions, please contact Tiffany Kearney at takearney705@aol.com

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. 13th, 6:30-8pm

Where: St Agnes Church on 1025 Masonic Ave, SF

RSVP: <https://saintagnessf.org/islc-events>

Winter Clothing Drive by St. Vincent de Paul Society of SF Friday, Dec. 5th, 9am-3pm

Colder months have begun and shelter guests are in need of warm clothing.

Most needed items are: jackets, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, women’s leggings, beanies, gloves, scarves, men’s shoes (size 7-13).

Questions: volunteers@svdp-sf.org

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Nov. 8 4:15 pm Vigil	Fr. Te Van Nguyen – Thanksgiving	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Nov. 9 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Renee Calder – RIP (recent)	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Mon. Nov. 10 12:10 pm	Daniel Illenberger - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Nov. 11 12:10 pm	Eugene Fabisiewicz - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Nov. 12 12:10 pm	Jamie Multz - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Thurs. Nov. 13 12:10 pm	Bong & Mil Martin – 43 rd Marital Anniversary	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Fri. Nov. 14 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sat. Nov. 15 1:00 pm 4:15 pm - Vigil	Baptism: Drew Collins-Fong and Theodore Senores-Smith People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi 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 call or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net to make arrangements. The Office is open Monday- Tuesday-Thursday 10am-1pm, except on Federal holidays.

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 Jan. 23, 2026. For details: <https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>

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Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

10 Monday – Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wisdom 1:1-7 | Ps: [Guide me, Lord, the everlasting way.](#) | Luke 17:1-6

11 Tuesday – Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Wisdom 2:23–3:9 | Ps: [I will bless the Lord at all times.](#) | Luke 17:7-10

12 Wednesday – Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wisdom 6:1-11 | Ps: [Rise up, O God, bring judgment to the earth.](#) | Luke 17:11-19

13 Thursday – Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wisdom 7:22b–8:1 | Ps: [Your word is forever, O Lord.](#) | Luke 17:20-25

14 Friday – (St. Gregory Palamas) Wisdom 13:1-9 | Ps: [The heavens proclaim the glory of God.](#) | Luke 17:26-37

15 Saturday – Vigil

16 Sunday – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Malachi 3:19-20a | Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.](#) | 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 | Luke 21:5-19

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

The ritual of dedicating or consecrating a place to God is observed across various religious traditions. Reserving a place for divine worship symbolizes the acknowledgment of God's glory and honor.

Following Emperor Constantine's decree granting Christians full liberty in 313, significant efforts were made to construct places of worship, resulting in the establishment of numerous churches during that period. Constantine himself commissioned several churches, notably a basilica on Rome's Caelian Hill over the ancient Lateran Palace. This basilica was dedicated by Pope Sylvester I to Christ the Savior, either in 318 or 324. Within its structure, a chapel serving as a baptistry was dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, prompting Pope Sergius III to further dedicate the basilica to him.

In the 12th century, Pope Lucius II added a dedication to Saint John the Evangelist. Accordingly, the official name of this Papal Basilica became the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, recognized by Christians as the mother church of all churches in the world.

Over the centuries, the basilica faced destruction multiple times but was consistently rebuilt. Its most recent reconstruction occurred under Pope Benedict XIII, with the final rededication taking place in 1724. At that time, the feast commemorated today was established and extended to the Universal Church.

Blessed Person This Week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, born Maria Francesca Cabrini in 1850 in Lombardy, Italy, was the youngest of thirteen children and often in poor health. Dedicated to religious work from an early age, she graduated with honors from a convent school but was initially denied entry to the Daughters of the Sacred Heart due to her health. Frances taught at the House of Providence Orphanage before founding the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1877.

After being advised by Pope Leo XIII to help Italian immigrants in the U.S., she moved to New York in 1889 with six sisters, overcoming initial challenges to establish Saint Cabrini Home. Over 35 years, she founded 67 institutions across the U.S., providing care and education for the poor and immigrants.

Frances became a U.S. citizen in 1909 and died in 1917 in Chicago. Her canonization process involved relocating her remains, and she was credited with two miracles. Beatified in 1938 by Pope Pius XI and canonized in 1946 Pope Pius XII, she is celebrated as the first American citizen saint and patron of immigrants, hospital administrators with her feast day on November 13.