

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 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Trust God.





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 – The sun of justice will shine on you. (Malachi 3:19-20a)

Psalm – [The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.](#)

(Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9)

Second Reading – If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

Gospel – By your perseverance you will secure your lives.

(Luke 21:5-19)

Background on today's Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are doomy but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was *written between 80 and 90 A.D.* His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

(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 nearing the end of this year and hoping to bring closer to shore our goal for the Annual Appeal. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others

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 newly baptized children at SJOG Church: Drew Jesse Collins-Fong and Theodore Senores-Smith.** May Jesus, who loves all children, bless these precious little ones with His love and grace on the special day of their baptism, and that they may grow close to Our Lord throughout their lives.
- For the Church: that we may offer hope and vision to all the human family in times of confusion and offer support to those who are searching for God.
- For leaders of the Christian community: that their ministry and preaching will help their communities of faith to continue their deeds of loving service and witness to the Gospel until Christ comes in glory.
- For all who are recovering from natural disasters, particularly those who are in Jamaica and the Philippines: that God will open the hearts of many to assist them, speed the assistance which they need, and renew them in spirit with trust and patience.
- For peace: that God will bring an end to the violence in Ukraine, sustain the ceasefire in Gaza, and protect the human family from weapons of mass destruction.
- For all who have died, particularly those who have served as our pastors, teachers, mentors, and spiritual guides: that God will lead them into the fullness of life in God's presence forever.

and enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith.” Please consider this tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

Community News

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

Christmas Fair at Saint Anne of the Sunset Parish

Sunday, Nov 30th | 9am–3pm
Moriarty Hall, St. Anne Church,
1371 Funston Ave.



Join our sister Parish for a joyful day of crafts, gifts, and swap meet treasures, from handmade wreaths and knitted hats to toys, treats, trading cards, and more. Plus, snap a family Christmas card photo while you are here!

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/>

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.

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Nov. 15 1:00 pm 4:15 pm - Vigil	Baptism: Drew Collins-Fong and Theodore Senores-Smith People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Nov. 16 9:30 am 11:30 am	Rocio Galvez - RIP Fr. Narcis Kabipi - Birthday	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Nov. 17 12:10 pm	Anne Marie Peterson-Kolatkar - Personal Intention	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Nov. 18 12:10 pm	Gloria San Gil - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Nov. 19 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Nov. 20 12:10 pm	Marian Cua & Family - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Nov. 21 12:10 pm	Armando & Regina Ramos - RIP & Wedding Anniversary	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Nov. 22 4:15 pm - Vigil	Arcadio Meneses, Sr. - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi

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.

Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi, Administrator/Pastor and Hospital Chaplain
- Rev. Te Van Nguyen, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain
- Liturgy Committee: Fr. Narcis Kabipi, Bob Gajewski, Paul Riofski, Lynette Castiglione
- Pastoral Committee: Debbie Feliz, Lynette Castiglione, Chuck Witherell, Gilda Witherell
- OCIA: Debbie Feliz, Paul Riofski
- Marriage Preparation: Susan Collins

Administrative Staff:

- Finance Committee: Susan Fox, Bob Gajewski, Bill Becker, Dave Freitas
- Bookkeeper: Jessica Flores
- Bulletin Editor: Marilu I.
- Custodian: Phil Thurman
- Webmaster: Joe Humphreys

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

17 Monday – Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 | Ps: [Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.](#) | Luke 18:35-43

18 Tuesday – (St. Rose Philippine Duchesne) 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 | Ps: [The Lord upholds me.](#) | Luke 19:1-10

19 Wednesday – (St. Nerses the Great) 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 | Ps: [Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.](#) | Luke 19:11-28

20 Thursday – (St. Francis Xavier Can) 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 | Ps: [To the upright I will show the saving power of God.](#) | Luke 19:41-44

21 Friday – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 | Ps: [We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.](#) | Luke 19:45-48

[22 Saturday (daytime) – Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr]

22 Saturday – Vigil

23 Sunday – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3 | Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.](#) | Colossians 1:12-20 | Luke 23:35-43

Blessed Person This Week St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207–1231), daughter of King Andrew II, was sent to Thuringia as a child for her arranged marriage to Ludwig IV. Her mother's murder deeply affected Elizabeth, inspiring her devotion to prayer and charity. Married in 1221, she had three children and actively supported the poor with Ludwig's encouragement.

Influenced by Franciscan friars in 1223, Elizabeth adopted the ideals of St. Francis, living simply and serving those in need. She provided relief during disease and floods, founded hospitals, and aided hundreds daily. After Ludwig's death in 1227, Elizabeth vowed lifelong celibacy and joined the Third Order of St. Francis, dedicating herself to charitable work despite strict spiritual guidance from Master Conrad of Marburg.

Elizabeth died at age 24 in Marburg. Her legacy includes reports of miracles such as the "miracle of roses" and miraculous healings at her graveside, leading to her canonization by Pope Gregory IX in 1235. Her feast day is November 17; she is the *patron saint of bakers, beggars, charities, widows*, and more, often depicted with bread or roses symbolizing her generosity. St. Elizabeth has been praised by Pope Benedict XVI as a "model for those in authority."